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(57) Abstract: A plant cell having an animal-type sugar chain adding function is provided. The plant cell has an introduced gene encoding an enzyme derived from an animal, and the enzyme can transfer a fucose residue to a reducing terminal acetylglucosamine residue of a sugar chain of a glycoprotein.

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#### DESCRIPTION

## PLANT CELL HAVING ANIMAL-TYPE SUGAR CHAIN ADDING FUNCTION

# 5 TECHNICAL FIELD

The present invention relates to a plant cell having an animal-type sugar chain adding function, a plant regenerated from the plant cell, a method for producing the plant cell, and a method for producing a glycoprotein having an animal-type sugar chain using the plant cell.

## BACKGROUND ART

Apart from conventional and classical breeding 15 methods, plant cells can be modified with genetic engineering technology, with the advent of which otherwise infeasible or useful traits can be conferred to plant cells. To date, for example, plants having disease-resistant, herbicide-resistant, long-lasting properties and the like 20 have been created and utilized. Recently, useful proteins, which are conventionally produced by animal cells, yeast, E. coli, and the like, have been produced by plant cells or plants.

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Examples of simple proteins and glycoproteins expressed by plant cells or plants which have been reported up until the present time include the following.

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S; for α-amylase, Biotechnology (NY) 1992 Mar; 10(3):292-6

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Plant Mol Biol 1995 Dec; 29(6):1167-80 "Production of biologically active hirudin in plant seeds using oleosin partitioning". Parmenter DL, Boothe JG, van Rooijen GJ, Yeung EC, Moloney MM; for human lactoferrin, Protein Expr Purif 1998 Jun; 13(1):127-35 "Production of human lactoferrin in transgenic tobacco plants". Salmon V, Legrand D, Slomianny MC, el Yazidi I, Spik G, Gruber V, BouRNAt P, Olagnier B, Mison D, Theisen M, Merot B Plant Physiol 1994 Nov; 106(3):977-81 "Expression of a human lactoferrin cDNA in tobacco cells produces antibacterial protein(s)". Mitra A, Zhang Z; for inhibitor peptides of angiotensin transferase (tomato and tobacco), Biotechnology (NY) 1993 Aug; 11(8):930-2 Hamamoto H, Sugiyama Y, Nakagawa N, Hashida E, Matsunaga Y, Takemoto S, Watanabe Y, Okada Y; polyhydroxybutylene, Nat Biotechnol 1999 Oct; 17(10):1011-6 "Metabolic engineering of Arabidopsis and Brassica for poly(3-hydroxybutyrate-co-3-hydroxyvalerate) production". Slater S, Mitsky TA, Houmiel KL, Hao M, Reiser SE, Taylor NB, Tran M, Valentin HE, Rodriguez DJ, Stone DA, Padgette SR, Kishore G, Gruys KJ Planta 1999 Oct; 209(4):547-50 "Poly(beta-hydroxybutyrate) production in oilseed leukoplasts of brassica napus". Houmiel KL, Slater S, Broyles D, Casagrande L, Colburn S, Gonzalez K, Mitsky TA, Reiser SE, Shah D, Taylor NB, Tran M, Valentin HE, Gruys KJ; for glucocerebrosidase, Ann NY Acad Sci 1996 May 25; 792:62-71 "Bioproduction of human enzymes in transgenic tobacco". Cramer CL, Weissenborn DL, Oishi KK, Grabau EA, Bennett S, Ponce E, Grabowski GA, Radin DN Curr Top Microbiol Immunol 1999; 240:95-118 "Transgenic plants for therapeutic proteins: linking upstream and downstream strategies". Cramer CL, Boothe JG, Oishi KK; for glucuronidase, Adv Exp Med Biol 1999; 464:127-47 "Molecular farming of industrial proteins from transgenic maize". Hood EE, Kusnadi A, Nikolov

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The advantage of using plant cells or plants for the production of useful proteins is that plant cells and plants are capable of adding a sugar chain to a protein.

E. coli generally used for the production of recombinant proteins does not have a sugar chain adding function. Yeast has a sugar chain adding function, but adds a sugar chain having a structure different from that of animals. In animals, the structure of an added sugar chain varies among species. Even in the same animal entity, it has been found that the structure of an added sugar chain varies largely depending on tissue, stages in development and differentiation, or the like.

In general, the sugar chain structure of a glycoprotein is classified into two categories according to the way in which the sugar chain is linked to the glycoprotein. One type of sugar chain is an N-linked sugar chain which is linked to an asparagine residue of a protein. The other is an O-linked sugar chain which is linked to serine or threonine residues of a protein. As for N-linked sugar

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chains, there are high mannose type sugar chains, complex type sugar chains, and hybrid type sugar chains in animals, plants, insects, yeast, and the like.

Aglycoprotein sugar chain has a core structure (core sugar chain). A core sugar chain is first synthesized in the form of a complex with lipid in an endoplasmic reticulum of a cell, and then transferred to a protein (Annu Rev Biochem 1985; 54:631-64 Kornfeld R, Kornfeld S). Thereafter, the protein having the transferred core sugar chain is transported from the endoplasmic reticulum to a Golgi body in which sugars are further added to the core sugar chain so that the chain is elongated. The sugar chain elongation in a Golgi body is called terminal sugar chain synthesis, which varies considerably among species.

Further, fucose residues are linked to N-acetylglucosamine residues in the reducing terminal portion of the core sugar chain in various manners, which depend on the species concerned (Biochim Biophys Acta 1999 Dec 6; 1473(1):21,6-36 Staudacher E, Altmann F, Wilson IB, Marz L).

As described above, plants have a sugar chain adding mechanism as animals do. Plants are potential hosts for the production of useful glycoproteins. However, even though the produced proteins are intended to have physiological activity, some such proteins do not exhibit an inherent activity as physiologically active proteins if the proteins are not successfully modified after translation (particularly by addition of a sugar chain). Further, plants have a sugar chain addition mechanism different from that of animals, particularly that of humans. Therefore, a sugar

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chain having a structure different from that of an intended animal-type sugar chain may be added to the protein, and the resultant protein is likely to be antigenic to a human (Glycobiology 1999 Apr; 9 (4): 365-72 Cabanes-Macheteau M, Fitchette-Laine AC, Loutelier-Bourhis C, Lange C, Vine ND, Ma JK, Lerouge P, Faye L).

A characteristic structure of a plant sugar chain is the way in which a fucose residue is linked to an N-acetylglucosamine residue existing in a reducing terminal portion of a core sugar chain. It has been reported that such a linkage varies among species (Biochim Biophys Acta 1999 Dec 6; 1473(1):21 6-36 Staudacher E, Altmann F, Wilson IB, Marz L). For plants, an  $\alpha$ 1,3-linkage has been reported (Biosci Biotechnol Biochem 1999 Jan; 63(1):35-9 Palacpac NQ, Kimura Y, Fujiyama K, Yoshida T, Seki T; Biosci Biotechnol Biochem 1997 Nov; 61(11):1866-71 Kimura Y,Ohno A, Takagi S; Eur J Blochem 1991 Jul 1; 199(1):169-79 Sturm A). For mammals such as humans and mice, an  $\alpha$ 1,6-linkage has been reported (Glycobiology 1991 Sep; 1(4):337-46 Takeuchi M, Kobata A). In Figure 9, complex-type sugar chain structures of a plant and an animal are shown. For insect cells, both  $\alpha$ 1,3-linkages and  $\alpha$ 1,6-linkages have been found (Glycoconj J 1998 Nov; 15(11):1055-70 Wilson IB, Altmann F; Eur J Biochem 1991 Aug 1; 199(3):745-51 Staudacher E, Altmann F, Glossl J, Marz L, Schachter H, Kamerling JP, Hard K, Vliegenthart JF).

A sugar chain portion having α1,3 glycoprotein
30 linkages derived from plants and insects is likely to be
antigenic to humans (Glycoconj J 1998 Nov;15(11):1055-70
Wilson IB, Altmann F; Int Arch Allergy Immunol 1999 Feb-Apr;
118(2-4):4113 Petersen A, Grobe K, Schramm G, Vieths S,

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Altmann F, Schlaak M, Becker WM; Int Arch Allergy Immunol 1999 Sep; 120(1):30-42 Fotisch K, Altmann F, Haustein D, Vieths S).

The gene of an enzyme for adding a fucose residue to an N-acetylglucosamine residue,  $\alpha 1, 3$ -fucosyl transferase cDNA, has been cloned from a plant, a mung bean (J Biol Chem 1999 Jul 30; 274(31):21830-9 Leiter H, Mucha J, Staudacher E, Grimm R, Glossl J, Altmann F). For mammals,  $\alpha 1, 6$ -fucosyl transferase cDNA has been cloned from humans and pigs (J Biochem (Tokyo) 1997 Mar; 121(3):626-32 Yanagidani S, Uozumi N, Ihara Y, Miyoshi E, Yamaguchi N, Taniguchi N; J Biol Chem 1996 Nov 1; 271(44):27810-7 Uozumi N, Yanagidani S, Miyoshi E, Ihara Y, Sakuma T, Gao CX, Teshima T, Fujii S, Shiba T, Taniguchi N).

A variant of an N-acetylglucosaminyl transferase I gene has been obtained from Arabidopsis thaliana. In this sugar chain processing is arrested after variant, N-acetylglucosaminyl transferase I (Plant Physiol 1993 Aug; 102(4):1109-18 von Schaewen A, Sturm A, O'Neill J, Chrispeels MJ). When N-acetylglucosaminyl transferase I cDNA derived from a human was introduced into the variant, N-acetylglucosaminyl transferase activity was recovered (Proc Natl Acad Sci USA 1994 Mar 1; 91(5):1829-33 Gomez L, Conversely, when N-acetylglucosaminyl Chrispeels MJ). transferase I cDNA derived from Arabidopsis thaliana was introduced into the CHO cell variant Lec1 which has no N-acetylglucosaminyl transferase activity, the N-acetylglucosaminyl transferase activity of the CHO cells was recovered (Biochem Biophys Res Commun 1999 Aug 11; 261(3):829-32 Bakker H, Lommen A, Jordi W, Stiekema W, Bosch D).

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Further, it has been found that out of genes relevant to the biosynthesis of a nod factor in a nitrogen-fixing bacterium Rhizobium sp. NGR234, a nodZ gene encodes fucose transferase (J Bacteriol 1997 Aug; 179(16):5087-93 Quesada-Vincens D, Fellay R, Nasim T, Viprey V, Burger U, Prome JC, Broughton WJ, Jabbouri S).

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Olsthoorn et al. have shown that in Mesorhizobium 10 loti NZP2213,  $\alpha$ 1,3-fucosyl transferase is involved in the nod factor biosynthesis (Biochemistry 1998 Jun 23;37(25):9024-32 Olsthoorn MMA, Lopez-Lara IM, Petersen BO, Bock K, Haverkamp J, Spaink HP, Thomas-Oates JE). A NodZ protein derived from Mesorhizobium loti transfers the fucose 15 residue of GDP- $\beta$ -fucose to the C6 position of the reducing terminal N-acetylglucosamine residue of chitin oligosaccharide (Proc Natl Acad Sci USA 1997 Apr 29; 94(9):4336-41 Quinto C, Wijfjes AHM, Bloemberg GV, Blok-Tip L, Lopez-Lara IM, Lugtenberg BJ, Thomas-Oates JE, Spaink 20 HP). This NodZ protein has the same enzyme activity as that of  $\alpha$ 1,6-fucosyl transferase derived from an animal, but has substantially no homology with it at the amino acid sequence level (Glycobiology 1991 Dec; 1(6):577-84 Macher BA, Holmes EH, Swiedler SJ, Stults CL, Srnka CA; Histochem J 1992 Nov; 25 24(11):761-70 de Vries T, van den Eijnden DH).

Further, when a NodZ protein derived from M. loti having  $\alpha 1$ , 6-fucosyl transferase activity was microinjected to a fertilized egg of zebrafish, deformation occurs in the embryogenesis of a body and a caudal fin (Proc Natl Acad Sci USA 1997 Jul 22; 94(15):7982-6 Bakkers J, Semino CE, Stroband H, Kijne JW, Robbins PW, Spaink HP; Ann N Y Acad Sci 1998 Apr 15; 842:49-54 Semino CE, Allende ML, Bakkers

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When β1,4-galactose transferase gene cDNA derived from a human was introduced to a cultured tobacco cell, a sugar chain structure having a transferred galactose residue was obtained in the plant cell. With the introduction of the human-derived sugar transferase gene, the processing pathway of a sugar chain in a plant cell could be remodeled (Proc Natl Acad Sci USA 1999 Apr 13; 96(8):4692-7 Palacpac NQ, Yoshida S, Sakai H, Kimura Y, Fujiyama K, Yoshida T, Seki T).

Further, Steinkellner has shown that using N-acetylglucosaminyl transferase I cDNA cloned from tobacco, the expression of N-acetylglucosaminyl transferase gene could be suppressed, or the expression amount could be reduced, by an antisense gene suppressing method or a post-transcription gene silencing method (International Molecular Farming Conference, London, Ontario, Canada, Aug. 29 Sept.1, 1999, Abstract Book, W79, p. 46, Steinkellner H).

The inventors have diligently studied the above-described problems caused by the existence of different sugar chain adding functions in different organisms and completed the present invention. The present invention is provided to solve the above-described conventional problems by introducing the fucose transferase gene, which does not originally exist in plant cells, into a plant cell. The objective of the present invention is to provide a plant cell having an animal-type sugar chain adding function, a plant regenerated from the plant cell, a method for producing the plant cell, and a method for producing an animal type

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glycoprotein using the plant cell.

## DISCLOSURE OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to a plant cell having an animal-type sugar chain adding function. The plant cell has an introduced gene encoding an enzyme derived from an animal, and the enzyme can transfer a fucose residue to a reducing terminal acetylglucosamine residue of a sugar chain of a glycoprotein.

Preferably, the enzyme derived from an animal is  $\alpha 1,6$ -fucosyl transferase.

In one aspect, the present invention relates a plant regenerated from the plant cell.

In another aspect, the present invention relates to a method for producing a plant cell having an animal-type sugar chain adding function. The method comprises the step of introducing into the plant cell a gene encoding an enzyme derived from an animal, in which the enzyme can transfer a fucose residue to a reducing terminal acetylglucosamine residue of a sugar chain of a glycoprotein.

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In yet another aspect, the present invention relates to a method for producing a glycoprotein having an animal-type sugar chain. The method comprises the step of transforming a plant cell by introducing into the plant cell a gene encoding an enzyme derived from an animal and a gene encoding an exogenous glycoprotein, in which the enzyme can transfer a fucose residue to a reducing terminal acetylglucosamine residue of a glycoprotein, and cultivating the resultant

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transformed plant cell.

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The present invention also relates to a glycoprotein produced by the above method. This glycoprotein has an animal-type sugar chain.

#### BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Figure 1 is a diagram showing the construction of the vector pBI221-FT used in the production of a plant cell of the present invention. The unique SacI site in the pBI221-FT vector was converted to a SalI site. An  $\alpha$ 1,6-FT gene was inserted to the site.

Figure 2 is a diagram showing the construction of the vector pGPTV-HPT-FT used in production of a plant cell of the present invention.

Figure 3 is a photograph of a color-developed gel 20 after electrophoresis for genomic DNA which was prepared from transformants BY2-FT 2 to 13 and amplified by PCR.

Figure 4 is a photograph of a color-developed gel after electrophoresis for genomic DNA which was obtained by amplifying RNA prepared from transformants BY2-FT 2, 3, 4 and 6 by RT-PCR.

Figure 5 is a diagram showing a result of HPLC analysis.

Figure 6 is a diagram showing a result of HPLC analysis.

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Figure 7 is a diagram showing a result of HPLC analysis.

Figure 8 is a photograph of a color-developed PVDF membrane after blotting a gel electrophoresis gel, showing a result of analysis of a glycoprotein produced by a plant cell of the present invention using lectin.

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Figure 9 is a diagram showing complex-type sugar chain structures of a plant and an animal. In the core portion of a complex-type sugar chain structure, a plant-type sugar chain includes a xylose residue, while an animal-type sugar chain includes a xylose residue. Further, a fucose residue α1,6-linked to the most inner N-acetylglucosamine in an animal-type sugar chain, while a fucose residue α1,3-linked to the most inner N-acetylglucosamine in a plant-type sugar chain.

Figure 10 is a schematic diagram showing a structure of a substrate sugar chain used in measurement of  $\alpha 1,6$ -FT, and an activity measurement system.

Figure 11 is a chromatogram of HPLC analysis of a glycoprotein produced by a transformant BY2-FT3 cultured cell.

Figure 12 is a diagram showing the results of analysis of a sugar chain structure (high mannose-type sugar chain) of a glycoprotein produced by a transformant BY2-FT3 cultured cell.

Figure 13 is a diagram showing the results of analysis of the sugar chain structure (complex-type sugar chain) of

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a glycoprotein produced by a transformant BY2-FT3 cultured cell.

Figure 14 is a diagram showing the results of analysis of the sugar chain structure ( $\alpha$ 1,6-fucose-linked sugar chain) of a glycoprotein produced by a transformant BY2-FT3 cultured cell.

Figure 15 is a photograph of a color-developed gel after electrophoresis of genomic DNA amplified by PCR which was prepared from transformed plants FT(1), FT(2), FT1, FT2, and FG3.

Figure 16 is a photograph of a color-developed PVDF membrane after blotting a gel electrophoresis gel, showing the results of analysis of a glycoprotein produced by a plant cell of the present invention using lectin.

BEST MODE FOR CARRYING OUT THE INVENTION

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Hereinafter, the present invention will be described in detail.

Methods for isolating and analyzing proteins, and immunoassays, which are known in the art, may be used in the present invention, unless otherwise mentioned. These techniques may be performed using commercially available kits, antibodies, labeled materials, and the like. The techniques used in the present invention will be described in the Materials and Methods section below.

A method according to the present invention is directed to a plant cell having an animal-type sugar chain

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adding function. The term "animal-type sugar chain" as used herein refers to a sugar chain in which a fucose residue is  $\alpha 1,6$  linked to an N-acetylglucosamine residue existing at a reducing terminal portion in the core sugar chain of a glycoprotein. Preferably, the fucose residue is linked to an N-acetylglucosamine residue existing in the most core portion of the core sugar chain which is linked to an asparagine residue of a protein.

The plant cells can be any plant cells. The plant cells can be cultured cells, cultured tissue, cultured organs, or a plant. Preferably, the plant cells should be cultured cells, cultured tissue, or cultured organs, and most preferably cultured cells. The type of plant used in the production method of the present invention can be any type of plant that can be used in gene introduction. Examples of types of plants that can be used in the manufacturing method of the present invention include plants in the families of Solanaceae, Poaeae, Brassicaceae, Rosaceae, Leguminosae, Curcurbitaceae, Lamiaceae, Liliaceae, Chenopodiaceae and Umbelliferae.

Examples of plants in the Solanaceae family include plants in the Nicotiana, Solanum, Datura, Lycopersicon and Petunia genera. Specific examples include tobacco, eggplant, potato, tomato, chili pepper, and petunia.

Examples of plants in the Poaeae family include plants in the Oryza, Hordenum, Secale, Saccharum, Echinochloa and Zea genera. Specific examples include rice, barley, rye, Echinochloa crus-galli, sorghum, and maize.

Examples of plants in the Brassicaceae family include

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plants in the Raphanus, Brassica, Arabidopsis, Wasabia, and Capsella genera. Specific examples include Japanese white radish, rapeseed, arabidopsis thaliana, Japanese horseradish, and Capsella bursa-pastoris.

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Examples of plants in the Rosaceae family include plants in the Orunus, Malus, Pynus, Fragaria, and Rosa genera. Specific examples include plum, peach, apple, pear, Dutch strawberry, and rose.

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Examples of plants in the Leguminosae family include plants in the Glycine, Vigna, Phaseolus, Pisum, Vicia, Arachis, Trifolium, Alfalfa, and Medicago genera. Specific examples include soybean, adzuki bean, kidney beans, peas, fava beans, peanuts, clover, and alfalfa.

Examples of plants in the Curcurbitaceae family include plants in the Luffa, Curcurbita, and Cucumis genera. Specific examples include gourd, pumpkin, cucumber, and melon.

Examples of plants in the Lamiaceae family include plants in the Lavandula, Mentha, and Perilla genera. Specific examples include lavender, peppermint, and beefsteak plant.

Examples of plants in the Liliaceae family include plants in the Allium, Lilium, and Tulipa genera. Specific examples include onion, garlic, lily, and tulip.

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Examples of plants in the Chenopodiaceae family include plants in the Spinacia genera. A specific example is spinach.

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Examples of plants in the Umbelliferae family include plants in the Angelica, Daucus, Cryptotaenia, and Apitum genera. Specific examples include Japanese udo, carrot, honewort, and celery.

Preferably, the plants used in the production method of the present invention should be tobacco, tomato, potato, rice, maize, radish, soybean, peas, alfalfa or spinach. More preferably, the plants used in the production method of the present invention should be tobacco, tomato, potato, maize or soybean.

The "enzyme capable of transferring a fucose residue to a reducing terminal acetylglucosamine residue" refers to an enzyme capable of transferring a fucose residue to a reducing terminal acetylglucosamine residue during the addition of a sugar chain after the synthesis of the protein portion of a glycoprotein in a plant cell. An example of such an enzyme is  $\alpha 1,6$ -fucosyl transferase. This enzyme causes fucose to be  $\alpha 1,6$  linked to N-acetylglucosamine of the N-linked sugar chain closest to the peptide chain of a glycoprotein, where GDP-fucose is used as a sugar donor. The enzyme can be derived from any animal, preferably from a mammal, and more preferably from a human.

Preferably, this enzyme is an enzyme localized in cell organelles. The inventors believe that the enzyme exists in cell organelles (e.g., endoplasmic reticulum and Golgi body) and causes a fucose residue to be  $\alpha 1,6$  linked to N-acetylglucosamine residue existing at a reducing terminal portion of an exogenous protein in a plant cell. Although the inventors do not intend to be constrained to

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a specific theory.

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The "gene of an enzyme capable of transferring a fucose residue to a reducing terminal acetylglucosamine residue" may be a gene isolated from any animal cell using a nucleotide sequence encoding the enzyme, or a commercially available one. These enzymes may be modified to be suited for expression in plants. For such isolation and modification, there are methods known to those skilled in the art.

For example, for mammals,  $\alpha$ 1,6-fucosyl transferase cDNA has been cloned from a human and a pig (J Biochem (Tokyo) 1997 Mar; 121(3):626-32 Yanagidani S, Uozumi N, Ihara Y, Miyoshi E, Yamaguchi N, Taniguchi N; Japanese Laid-Open Publication No. 10-84975, Japanese Laid-Open Publication No. 10-4959; J Biol Chem 1996 Nov 1; 271(44):27810-7 Uozumi N, Yanagidani S, Miyoshi E, Ihara Y, Sakuma T, Gao CX, Teshima T, Fujii S, Shiba T, Taniguchi N; Japanese Laid-Open Publication No. 10-4969, Japanese Laid-Open Publication No. 9-201191). The structure of the cDNA has been shown.

The term "gene" as used herein refers to the structural gene portion. A control sequence such as a promoter, an operator and a terminator can be linked to the gene so as to properly express the gene in a plant.

The term "exogenous glycoproteins" refers to glycoproteins whose expression in plants is the result of genetic engineering methodologies. Examples of these exogenous glycoproteins include enzymes, hormones, cytokines, antibodies, vaccines, receptors and serum proteins. Examples of enzymes include horseradish

peroxidase, kinase, glucocerebrosidase, α-galactosidase, tissue-type plasminogen activator (TPa), and HMG-CoA Examples of hormones and cytokines include reductase. enkephalin, interferon alpha, GM-CSF, G-CSF, chorion stimulating hormone, interleukin-2, interferon-beta, interferon-gamma, erythropoietin, vascular endothelial growth factor, human choriogonadotropin (HCG), leuteinizing hormone (LH), thyroid stimulating hormone (TSH), prolactin, and ovary stimulating hormone. Examples of antibodies include IgG and scFv. Examples of vaccines include antigens such as Hepatitis B surface antigen, rotavirus antigen, Escherichia coli enterotoxin, malaria antigen, rabies virus G protein, and HIV virus glycoprotein (e.g., gp120). Examples of receptors and matrix proteins include EGF receptors, fibronectin, α1-antitrypsin, and coagulation factor VIII. Examples of serum proteins include albumin, complement proteins, plasminogen, corticosteroid-binding globulin, throxine-binding globulin, and protein C.

The term "genes of exogeneous glycoproteins" refers to genes isolated from any animal cell using a nucleotide sequence encoding the gene, or a commercially available one. These genes may be modified to be suitable for expression in plants.

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The gene of the enzyme capable of transferring a fucose residue to a reducing terminal N-acetylglucosamine residue and the genes of exogenous glycoproteins can be introduced to plant cells using a method known in the art. These genes can be introduced separately or simultaneously. Examples of methods for introducing genes to plant cells include the Agrobacterium method, the electroporation method and the particle bombardment method.

Suitable methods of transforming plant cells include microinjection (Crossway et al., BioTechniques 4:320-334 (1986)), electroporation (Riggs et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 83:5602-5606 (1986), Agrobacterium-mediated 5 transformation (Hinchee et al., Biotechnology 6:915-921 (1988); See also, Ishida et al., Nature Biotechnology 14:745-750 (June 1996) for maize transformation), direct gene transfer (Paszkowski et al., EMBO J. 3:2717-2722 (1984); Hayashimoto et al., Plant Physiol 93:857-863 (1990) (rice)), 10 and ballistic particle acceleration using devices available from Agracetus, Inc., Madison, Wis. and Dupont, Inc., Wilmington, Del. (see, for example, Sanford et al., U.S. Pat. No. 4,945,050; and McCabe et al., Biotechnology 15 6:923-926 (1988)). See also, Weissinger et al., Annual Rev. Genet. 22:421-477 (1988); Sanford et al., Particulate Science and Technology 5.27-37 91987)(onion); Svab et al., Proc. Acad. Sci. USA 87:8526-8530 (1990) (tobacco chloroplast); Christou et al., Plant Physiol. 87:671-674 (1988)(soybean); McCabe et al., Bio/Technology 6.923-926 20 (1988)(soybean); Klein et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA, 85:4305-4309 (1988) (maize); Klein et al., Bio/Technology 6:559-563 (1988) (maize); Klein et al., Plant Physiol. 91:440-444 (1988) (maize); Fromm et al., Bio/Technology 8:833-839 (1990); and Gordon-Kamm et al., Plant Cell 2: 25 603-618 (1990) (maize): Koziel et al., Biotechnology 11: 194-200 (1993) (maize); Shimamoto et al., Nature 338: 274-277 (1989) (rice); Christou et al., Biotechnology 9: 957-962 (1991) (rice); Datta et al., Biol/Technology 3:736-740 (1990) 332 (rice); European Patent Application EP 581 30 (orchardgrass and other Pooideae); Vasil et Biotechnology 11: 1553-1558 (1993) (wheat); Weeks et al., Plant Physiol. 102: 1077-1084 (1993) (wheat); Wan et al.,

Plant Physiol. 104: 37-48 (1994) (barley); Jahne et al., Theor. Appl. Genet. 89:525-533 (1994)(barley); Umbeck et al., Bio/Technology 5: 263-266 (1987) (cotton); Casas et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 90:11212-11216 (December 1993) (sorghum); Somers et al., Bio/Technology 10:1589-1594 5 (December 1992) (oat); Torbert et al., Plant Cell Reports 14:635-640 (1995) (oat); Weeks et al., Plant Physiol. 102:1077-1084 (1993) (wheat); Chang et al., WO 94/13822 (wheat) and Nehra et al., The Plant Journal 5:285-297 (1994) (wheat). A particularly preferred set of embodiments for 10 the introduction of recombinant DNA molecules into maize by microprojectile bombardment can be found in Koziel et al., Biotechnology 11: 194-200 (1993), Hill et al., Euphytica 85:119-123 (1995) and Koziel et al., Annals of the New York Academy of Sciences 792:164-171 (1996). An additional 15 preferred embodiment is the protoplast transformation method for maize as disclosed in EP 0 292 435. Transformation of plants can be undertaken with a single DNA species or multiple DNA species (i.e. co-transformation) and both these 20 techniques are suitable for use with the peroxidase coding sequence.

The expression of genes introduced into plant cells can be observed using any method known in the art. Examples of such methods include silver staining or augmentation, Western blotting, Northern hybridization, and enzyme activity detection. Cells that express the introduced genes are referred to as transformed cells.

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Transformed cells, which express both the enzyme capable of transferring a fucose residue to a reducing terminal N-acetylglucosamine residue and the exogenous glycoproteins, express exogenous glycoproteins with

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glycoprotein.

animal-type sugar chains. In other words, the transformed cells have animal-type sugar chain adding functions. By cultivating these transformed cells, glycoproteins with animal-type sugar chains can be mass produced. Animal-type glycoproteins contain core sugar chains and outside sugar chains. The core sugar chains consist essentially of at least one mannose or one or more acetylglucosamines. The outside sugar chains in these glycoproteins contain non-reducing terminal sugar chain portions. The outside sugar chains can have a straight chain structure or a branched chain structure. Preferably, the outside sugar chains can have a branched chain structure. The branched sugar chain portion has a mono-, bi-, tri- or tetra structure. The glycoproteins produced by these transformed cells preferably contains any fucose residue which is  $\alpha$ 1,6 linked to N-acetylglucosamine of the N-linked sugar chain closest to the peptide chain of a

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These transformed plant cells may be held in the form of cultured cells or may be differentiated into specific tissues or organs. Alternatively, they can also be regenerated into plants. In this case, the transformed plant cells can be present in the entire plant or in specific portions of the plant, such as the seed, fruit, nut, leaf, root, stem or flower of the plant.

For the culture, differentiation or regeneration of the transformed plant cell, means and culture mediums known in the art are used. Examples of the medium include Murashige-Skoog (MS) medium, Gamborg B5 (B) medium, White medium and Nitsch & Nitsch (Nitsch) medium, however, the present invention is not limited thereto. These mediums are usually used after adding thereto an appropriate amount of

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a plant growth control substance (e.g., plant hormone) and the like.

Application of these systems to different plant strains depends upon the ability to regenerate that particular plant strain from protoplasts. Illustrative methods for the regeneration of cereals from protoplasts are described (Fujimura et al., Plant Tissue Culture Letters, 2:74, 1985; Toriyama et al., Theor. Appl. Genet., 73:16, 1986; Yamada et al., Plant Cell Rep., 4:85, 1986; . Abdullah et al., Biotechnology, 4:1087, 1986).

To transform plant strains that cannot be successfully regenerated from protoplasts, other ways to introduce DNA into intact cells or tissues can be utilized. For example, regeneration of cereals from immature embryos or explants can be effected as described (Vasil, Biotechnology, 6:397, 1988).

Agrobacterium-mediated transfer is also a widely applicable system for introducing genes into plant cells because the DNA can be introduced into whole plant tissues, thereby bypassing the need for regeneration of an intact plant from a protoplast. The use of Agrobacterium-mediated plant integrating vectors to introduce DNA into plant cells is well known in the art. See, for example, the methods described above.

Glycoproteins with animal-type sugar chains produced by the transformed plant cells may be isolated or extracted from the plant cells. The method for isolating the glycoproteins can be any method known in the art. The glycoproteins of the present invention can be used in

foodstuffs while remaining inside the transformed cells. The glycoproteins produced by the plant cells of the present invention can be administered to animals, particularly a human, without antigenicity because of the added animal-type sugar chains.

# (Examples)

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The materials, reagents, and operating procedure used in Examples will all be described in the Materials and Methods section below.

(Example 1: Introduction of  $\alpha$ 1,6-fucosyl transferase gene (hereinafter referred to as  $\alpha$ 1,6-FT) into cultured tobacco cells)

Introduction of the  $\alpha$ 1,6-fucosyl transferase gene tobacco cells was conducted cultured using Agrobacterium capable of infecting plant cells. tumefaciens is often used to transform dicotyledons. Recently, it has been shown that a group of genes encoded in the vir region on a Ti plasmid are involved in oncogenesis. When infecting plants, Agrobacterium receives phenol substances secreted by dicotyledons as an infection signal, and then activates the transcription of the vir gene group. As a result, several proteins encoded by the vir genes cut, transfer, and incorporate a T-DNA gene. T-DNA and the vir qenes are not individually capable of oncogenesis. Even if T-DNA and the vir genes are present on separate replicons but in the same Agrobacterium cell, T-DNA and the vir genes are collectively capable of oncogenesis. A method for introducing an exogenous gene using a binary vector employs this property.

In this example, cDNA (SEQ ID NO. 1 ) of a

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human-derived \$\alpha 1,6-FT\$ (SEQIDNO. 2), i.e., sugar transferase (pBluescript-FT obtained by subcloning the \$\alpha 1,6-FT\$ gene was provided by Prof. Naoyuki Taniguchi of the faculty of Medicine of Osaka university) was inserted into a T-DNA region to construct binary vectors, pGPTV-HPT-FT, pGPTV-DHFR-FT, and pGPTV-BAR-FT. A construction scheme of these binary vectors is shown in Figures 1 and 2.

Initially, an  $\alpha1,6$ -FT gene fragment amplified by PCR using pBluescript-FT as a template was digested by a restriction enzyme. Similarly, the gene fragment was inserted into the pBI221 vector (CLONTECH Laboratries, Inc.) whose restriction site was modified by PCR to produce a pBI221-FT vector (Figure 1). Primers were produced with reference to a report by Yanagidani et al. (J Biochem (Tokyo) 1997 Mar; 121(3):626-32 Yanagidani S, Uozumi N, Ihara Y, Miyoshi E, Yamaguchi N, Taniguchi N; J Biol Chem 1996 Nov 1; 271(44)).

Further, an XbaI-EcoRI fragment including a califlower mosaic virus 35S promotor gene, α1,6-FT, and a nopaline syntase terminator gene was cut out from the pBI221-FT vector. The XbaI-EcoRI fragments were incorporated into three plant transforming binary vector pGPTV-HPT (i.e., ATCC77389 obtained from ATCC (America Type Culture Collection (12301 Parklawn Drive, Rockbill, Maryland USA 20852), pGPTV-DHFR (i.e., ATCC77390 obtained from ATCC), pGPTV-BAR (i.e., ATCC77391 obtained from ATCC) (Figure 2). These three binary vectors have different drug-resistant genes in the T-DNA regions thereof, thereby making it possible to screen transformed plant cells using different drugs.

The reason the three different drug-resistant

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expression genes (i.e., pGPTV-HPT-FT, pGPTV-DHFR-FT, and pGPTV-BAR-FT) were prepared is that the drugs used for the screening of the transformed cells, and the introduced sugar transferase have unknown influence on the cells. Adrug which can certainly be used for screening in this case had not been known. Therefore, three vectors for the expression of  $\alpha 1,6$ -FT were constructed in advance. The construction of the three vectors was preferable from the view point that the vectors having screening markers with different action mechanisms would be useful when a plurality of exogenous genes are introduced into the same clone in the future.

Of the expression vectors prepared, pGPTV-HPT-FT was used to transform a tobacco BY2 cultured cell in this example.

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Agrobacterium was transformed by a Bevan et al.'s triparental mating method (Bevan M., Nucleic Acid Res., 12, Escherichia coli DH5 $\alpha$  (suE44,  $\Delta$ lacU169, 8711, 1984). (φ80lacZΔM15), hsdR17) (Bethesda Research Laboratories Inc.: Focus 8(2), 9(1986)) having a pGPTV-type plasmid (Plant Mol Biol 1992 Dec; 20(6):1195-7 Becker D, Kemper E, Schell J, Masterson R), and Escherichia coli HB101 having a helper plasmid pRK2013 (Bevan M., Nucleic Acid Res., 12, 8711, 1984) were cultivated in respective 2xYT media including 12.5 mg/l tetracycline and 50 mg/l kanamycin at 37°C overnight. Agrobacterium tumefaciens EHA101 (Elizanbeth E.H., J. Bacteriol., 168, 1291, 1986) was cultivated in 2xYT medium including 50 mg/l kanamycin and 25 mg/l chloramphenicol at 28°C for two nights. Then, 1.5 ml of each cultured medium was removed and placed into an Eppendorf tube. After the cells of each strain were collected, the cells were rinsed three times with LB medium. The cells obtained in this manner were then suspended in 100 µl of 2xYT medium, mixed with three

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types of bacteria, applied to 2×YT agar medium, and cultivated at 28°C, whereby the pGPTV-type plasmids then underwent conjugational transfer from the E.coli to the Agrobacterium. Two days later some of the colonies appearing on the 2 x YT agar plate were removed using a platinum loop, and applied to an LB agar plate containing 50 mg/l kanamycin, 12.5 mg/l tetracycline, and 25 mg/l chloramphenicol. After cultivating the contents for two days at 28°C, a single colony was selected.

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Transformation of the cultivated tobacco cells was performed using the method described in An G., Plant Mol. Bio. Manual, A3, 1. First, 100 μl of Agrobacterium EHA101 with a pGPTV-type plasmid cultivated for 48 hours at 28°C in LB medium containing 12.5 mg/l tetracycline, and 4 ml of a suspension of cultivated tobacco cells Nicotiana tabacum L. cv. bright yellow 2 (Strain No. BY2 obtained using Catalog No. RPC1 from the Plant Cell Development Group of the Gene Bank at the Life Science Tsukuba Research Center), in their fourth day of cultivation, were mixed together thoroughly in a petri dish and allowed to stand in a dark place at 25°C. Two days later, some of the solution was removed from the petri dish and the supernatant was separated out using a centrifuge (1000 rpm, 5 minutes). The cell pellet was introduced to a new medium and centrifuged again. The cells were inoculated onto a modified LS agar plate with 20 mg/l hygromycin and 250 mg/l carbenicillin. This was allowed to stand in darkness at 25°C. After two to three weeks, the cells grown to the callus stage were transferred to a new plate and growing clones were selected. After further two to three weeks, the clones were transferred to 30 ml of a modified LS medium with hygromycin and carbenicillin followed by subcuturing. Since hygromycin was used in the screening,

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it took a period of time (about 5 weeks) which is about two times as much as usual to obtain a transformed callus. For the resultant transformed callus, screening was repeated in about one month using selection media including hygromycin. Twelve resistant strains were randomly selected from the resistant strains obtained in this manner (BY2-FT 2 to 13) to be used in analysis at a DNA level.

(Analysis at the DNA Level of BY2-FT cells)

The obtained transformant strains BY2-FT 2 to 13 were

studied as follows. Using calluses thereof, genomic DNA was prepared in accordance with a method described in the Materials and Methods section 10 below, and the incorporation of the α1,6-FT gene was examined by PCR (see the Materials and Methods section 12). For the PCR, the following primers were employed: FT-Xba: 5'-TGGTTCCTGGCGTTGGATTA (SEQ ID NO. 3), and FT-Sal: 5'-GGATATGTGGGGTACTTGAC (SEQ ID NO. 4). The

the Materials and Methods section 8. The result is shown in Figure 3.

obtained PCR amplified products were subjected to electrophoresis in accordance with a method described in

As shown in Figure 3, eleven strains, i.e., BY2-FT 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 13 exhibited bands around 1700 bp which were considered to be of the amplified fragments of the α1,6-FT gene region. In contrast, when genomic DNA prepared from a wild-type cultured tobacco cell was used as a template, no band was found (a lane indicated by WT in the right end of Figure 3). Therefore, it was confirmed that the α1,6-FT gene was incorporated in a chromosome of BY2-FT cell.

(Analysis at the RNA Level of BY2-FT cells)

Of the transformants for which the introduction of the al,6-FT gene was confirmed as a result of the genomic DNA analysis by PCR, four strains BY2-FT 2, 3, 4, and 6 having a high growth rate were studied. RNA thereof was prepared in accordance with a method described in the Materials and Methods section 11 below, and subjected to RT-PCR (see the Materials and Methods section 13 below). The result is shown in Figure 4. RT-PCR was conducted using the same primers as described above, and the resultant amplified products were subjected to electrophoresis under the same conditions as described above in the DNA analysis. As a result, as shown in Figure 4, it was observed that all the four strains exhibited bands around 1700 bp which were considered to be of the amplified fragment of the  $\alpha$ 1,6-FT gene. No band was found for a wild-type BY2 specimen (a lane indicated by WT in Figure 4). Further, RT-PCR was conducted using a primer designed based on the sequence of a CaMV 35S promoter (CaMV primer) (SEQ ID NO. 5) and a FT-Sal primer, resulting in CaMV band (lane A in Figure 4): primer: no 5'-CGTCTTCAAAGCAAGTGGAT(SEQ ID NO. 5).

In these experiments, there was the possibility that RNA liquid recovered by the kit for preparing RNA specimens was contaminated with genomic DNA. The recovered RNA specimens were all treated with DNase before RT-PCR. In the case of PCR using the RNA specimens after the DNase treatment as templates, no band was found (lane B in Figure 4). Therefore, it was confirmed that the above-described band was not of the amplified fragment of DNA.

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(Observation of Enzyme Activity of  $\alpha$ 1,6-FT)

In an  $\alpha$ 1,6-FT activity measuring kit used in the measurement of  $\alpha$ 1,6-FT activity in these experiments, a

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fluorescence-labeled sugar chain having the structure shown in the top of Figure 10 was included as a substrate sugar chain. The fluorescence-labeled sugar chain was prepared in Toyobo Co., Ltd with reference to reports by Yazawa et al. and Seko et al. . (Glycoconj J 1998 Sep; 15(9):863-71 Yazawa S, Kochibe N, Nishimura T, Shima C, Takai I, Adachi M, Asao T, Hada T, Enoki Y, Juneja LR; Biochim Biophys Acta . 1997 Apr 17; 1335(1-2):23-32 Seko A, Koketsu M, Nishizono M, Enoki Y, Ibrahim HR, Juneja LR, Kim M, Yamamoto T) as follows. Sugar chains having a linked asparagine residue were prepared from yolk (Gn and Gn-bi-Asn). A fluorescent substance (4-Fluoro-7-nitrobenzofurazan (NBD-F, Dojin Kagaku Kenkyujo)) was attached to the asparagine residue (Gn, Gn-bi-Asn-NBD). Conventionally, a PA sugar chain whose reducing terminal is fluorescence-labeled рÀ 2-aminopyridine is used to measure the activity of sugar However, in such a PA sugar chain, transferase. N-acetylglucosamine at the reducing terminal has an open-loop structure. Therefore, the PA sugar chain cannot serve as a substrate sugar chain for  $\alpha 1,6$ -FT. Therefore, various acceptor sugar chains and methods have been tried for the measurement of the  $\alpha$ 1,6-FT activity.

The reaction product was subjected to HPLC analysis under conditions described in the Materials and Methods section 18.3. An unreacted substrate was eluted in about 9.5 minutes (top in Figure 5), while an  $\alpha$ 1,6-fucosylated sugar chain standard was eluted in about 15 minutes (bottom in Figure 5). BY2-FT 2, 3, 4, and 6 for which the expression of mRNA was observed in the RNA-level analysis were studied as follows. A crude enzyme solution was prepared in accordance with the Materials and Methods sections 14 or 18.1. The crude enzyme solution was reacted with the  $\alpha$ 1,6-FT

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activity measuring kit. The resultant reaction liquid was subjected to HPLC analysis. As a result, the reaction liquids resulting from the crude enzyme solutions of BY2-FT 3, 4, and 6 exhibited a peak component which was eluted in about 15 minutes (middle and bottom in Figure 6, and top in Figure 7). This elution time is the same as that of the  $\alpha$ 1,6-fucosylated sugar chain standard.

Further, for  $\alpha$ 1,3-fucosyl transferase ( $\alpha$ 1,3-FT) existing in plants including a cultured tobacco cell, Studacheretal. (Glycoconj J1995 Dec;12(6):780-6 Staudacher E, Dalik T, Wawra P, Altmann F, Marz L;Glycoconj J 1998 Jan;15(1):89-91 Roitinger A, Leiter H, Staudacher E, Altmann F) has reported that  $\alpha$ 1,3-FT derived from Mung bean absolutely requires a divalent cation such as Mn²+ and Zn²+, and does not have activity in the absence of such a cation. No divalent cation was added to the  $\alpha$ 1,6-FT activity measuring kit and the  $\alpha$ 1,6-FT crude enzyme solution of this example. In view of this, it is suggested that the peak found in about 15 minutes in the HPLC analysis was not of the  $\alpha$ 1,3-fucosylated sugar chain. In fact, no peak was found at the position corresponding to 15 minutes in the HPLC chart of a wild-type BY2 specimen (bottom in Figure 7).

(Measurement of Specific Activity of  $\alpha 1,6$ -fucosyl transferase)

The specific activity of  $\alpha 1,6$ -fucosyl transferase was measured for crude protein extract liquids obtained from BY2-FT 3, 4, and 6. The specific activity was evaluated from an HPLC chromatogram in accordance with a method described in the Materials and Methods section 18.4 below. As a result, the specific activity of the non-transformed BY2 strains (indicated by WT in Figure 1) was below the detection limit,

while a strain BY2-FT6 exhibited a highest specific activity of 6.03 U/mg protein (Table 1) where 1U is an enzyme amount required to convert 1 pmol of substrate per minute.

5 [Table 1] Specific activity of  $\alpha 1,6\text{-FT}$  in crude enzyme solution of BY2-FT

Clone number	Specific	activity	(U/mg
	protein)		
BY2-FT3	2.57		
BY2-FT4	2.53		
BY2-FT6	6.03		
wT ·	<0.03		

1U: 1 pmol/min

(Example 2: Influence of  $\alpha 1,6\text{-FT}$  on Glycoprotein in Cultured tobacco cell)

Influence of the introduced  $\alpha 1$ , 6-FT on glycoproteins in BY2-FT cells was studied using pea lectin (PSA) which is strongly linked to a fucose residue  $\alpha 1$ , 6 linked to N-acetylglucosamine existing at the reducing terminal of an asparagine-linked type sugar chain. First, a crude protein extract solution was prepared from a BY2-FT cell in accordance with a method described in the Materials and Methods section 14. The approximate value of the crude protein concentration was obtained by measuring absorbance  $A_{280}$  (the Materials and Methods section 15). The crude protein extract solution was subjected to SDS-PAGE in accordance with the Materials and Methods sections 16 and 17 below. Thereafter, lectin staining was conducted.

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As a result, referring to Figure 8, the glycoprotein sugar chain in the transformant cells exhibited a stain

corresponding to about 23 kDa which means a reaction with lectin, as compared to non-transformant BY2 strains (a lane indicated by WT in the right end of Figure 8). This suggests that glycoproteins having an  $\alpha 1,6$ -fucose residue exist in the BY2-FT 2, 3, and 4 cells. The non-transformed BY2 cell (WT) exhibited slight stain. The reason is consider to be that the PSA has affinity to other fucose residues (including an  $\alpha 1,3$ -fucose residue) existing a plant complex-type sugar chain. It should be noted that a lane indicated by A in Figure 8 is a lane obtained by blotting a gel used in electrophoresis of thyroglobulin as a positive control, showing that a reaction with lectin is positive.

(Example 3: Analysis of Glycoprotein Produced by Transformed Cultured tobacco cells)

Three BY2-FT strains having the highest growth rate were selected. The sugar chain structure of glycoproteins produced by transformed cells having an introduced  $\alpha$ 1,6-FT gene was analyzed.

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1. Preparation of Glycoproteins Produced by strain BY2-FT 3

Cultured cells (a wet weight of about 3 kg) of BY2-FT 3 (cultured tobacco cells) were subjected to pulverization with a glass homogenizer, thereby obtaining cell lysates. These cell lysates were centrifuged at 12,000 rpm for 20 minutes at 4°C, thereby obtaining supernatants including glycoproteins. The supernatants were dialyzed with  $dH_2O$  (deionized water) (1.5×10<sup>4</sup>-fold dilution) followed by lyophilization, thereby obtaining powdered specimens.

2. Preparation of N-linked Sugar Chains
Thereafter, these powdered specimens were subjected

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to hydrazinolysis at 100°C for 10 hours, thereby cutting out sugar chains from glycoproteins. An excess amount of acetone was added to the hydrazinolysis products, followed by centrifugation at 8,000 rpm at 4°C for 20 minutes, thereby precipitating the sugar chains. A saturated sodium carbonate solution and acetic anhydride were added to the resultant pellet, thereby N-acetylating the sugar chains. Thereafter, the resultant reaction products were subjected to desalination using Dowex 50×2 (Muromachi Kagaku Kogyo). Further, the resultant solutions were applied to TSK gel TOYO PERAL HW-40 (TOSOH) gel filtration column (2.5×30 cm) equilibrated with 0.1 N ammonia solution, thereby recovering N-linked sugar chains.

- 3. Preparation of Pyridylamino (PA) sugar chains
  The recovered N-linked sugar chains were converted
  using 2 aminopyridine to PA sugar chains. The PA sugar chains
  were purified with TSK gel TOYO PERAL HW-40 (TOSOH) gel
  filtration column (2.5×30 cm) equilibrated with 0.1 N ammonia
  solution.
  - 4. Fractionation and Analysis of PA sugar chains by HPLC

The structures of the PA sugar chains were analyzed by reversed-phase (RP) HPLC and size-fractionation (SF) HPLC, two-dimensional sugar chain mapping by exo-glycosidase digestion, and MALDI-TOF MS analysis.

The HPLC analysis was conducted using a HITACHI HPLC system equipped with a HITACHI FL Detector L-7480 where the intensity of fluorescence was measured at an excitation wavelength of 310 nm and at a fluorescence wavelength of 380 nm. The RP-HPLC analysis was conducted using a Cosmosil

5C18-P column (6×250 mm; Nacalai Tesque), where the PA sugar chains were eluted by increasing the acetonitrile concentration of a 0.02% aqueous TFA solution from 0% to 6% for 40 minutes at a flow rate of 1.2 ml/min. The SF-HPLC analysis was conducted using Asahipak NH2P-50 column (4.6×250 mm; Showa Denko), where the PA sugar chains were eluted by increasing the acetonitrile concentration of a  $dH_2O$ -acetonitrile mixture from 26% to 50% for 25 minutes at a flow rate of 0.7 ml/min.

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The structures of the PA sugar chains were estimated by the two-dimensional sugar chain mapping in which elution times were compared between reversed-phase (RP) HPLC and size-fractionation (SF) HPLC.

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5. Analysis of PA Sugar Chains by Exo-glycosidase Digestion

The enzyme digestion by N-acetylglycosaminidase (Diplococcus pneumoniae; Roche) was studied as follow. Each PA sugar chain was subjected to reaction in 50 mM sodium of acetate buffer (pH 5.45) including 3 mU N-acetylglycosaminidase at 37°C for two days. The enzyme reaction by  $\alpha$ -L-fucosidase (bovine kidney; Sigma) was conducted in 0.1 M sodium acetate buffer (pH 5.45) including 10 mM α-L-fucosidase at 37°C for two days. Each enzyme digestion was arrested by boiling at 100°C for 3 minutes, followed by centrifugation at 12,000 rpm for 5 minutes. The supernatant was subjected to HPLC. The elution times of the specimen sugar chains were compared to the elution times of known sugar chains.

# 6. MALDI-TOF MS analysis

MALDI-TOF MS analysis was conducted using a

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PerSeptive Biosystems Voyager DE RP Workstation.

7. Structures of a PA sugar chain derived from strain BY2-FT3

APA sugar chain prepared from about 3 kg of the BY2-FT 3, and purified by RP-HPLC and SF-HPLC. Specifically, fractions (1 to 10) obtained by RP-HPLC (see a chromatogram shown in Figure 11A) were recovered, and subjected to SF-HPLC. The peaks of fractions 1 to 9 obtained by the RP-HPLC were further subjected to SF-HPLC analysis, resulting in a total of 55 peaks (part of the data is shown in Figure 11B). Some of these peaks included a plurality of PA sugar chains. In this case, such peaks were subjected again to SF-HPLC, thereby purifying the sugar chains thoroughly.

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Of the fractions corresponding to the 55 peaks, fractions 4D-V, 5A-III, 5C-III, 5D-II, 6B, 6F-I, and 7E could be cut by fucosidase, and the decomposed products were eluted in RP-HPLC earlier than the intact product (data not shown). This situation indicates that these sugar chains include an  $\alpha$ 1,6-fucose (Glycoconj J 1998 Jan; 15(1):89-91 HPLC method for the determination of Fuc to Asn-linked GlcNAc fucosyl transferases. Roitinger A, Leiter H, Staudacher E, Altmann F.).

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The structure of each sugar chain was analyzed by two-dimensional sugar chain mapping, exo-glycosidase digestion, or MALDI-TOF MS analysis. As a result, the structures of the sugar chains are shown in Figures 12 through 14.

The PA sugar chain of fractions 4D-V, 5C-III, and 5D-II had an m/z of 1413.59 which is substantially equal

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to that of M3FFX (1413.33). The PA sugar chain treated with fucosidase matched M3FX in the two-dimensional mapping, and had an m/z of 1267.36 which is also substantially equal to that of M3FX (1267.19).

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The PA sugar chain of fractions 6B and 5A-III had an m/z of 1251.57 which is substantially equal to that of M2FFX (1251.19) (Figure 14). The PA sugar chain treated with fucosidase had an m/z of 1105.79 which is also substantially equal to that of M2FX (1105.05).

The PA sugar chain of fraction 6F-I had an m/z of 1616.14 which is substantially equal to that of  $Gn^1M3FFX$  (1616.52) (Figure 14). The PA sugar chain treated with fucosidase matched  $Gn^1M3FX$  in the two-dimensional mapping, and had an m/z of 1471.35 which is also substantially equal to that of  $Gn^1M3FX$  (1470.38).

The PA sugar chain of fraction 7E had an m/z of 1459.33 which is substantially equal to that of M5F (1459.36) (Figure 14). The PA sugar chain treated with fucosidase matched M5A in the two-dimensional mapping, and had an m/z of 1313.43 which is also substantially equal to that of M5A (1313.22).

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The PA sugar chains of fractions 5CII3II and 5DI2II matched M5A in the two-dimensional mapping, and had an m/z of 1313.14 which is substantially equal to that of M5A (1313.22).

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The PA sugar chain of fraction 4F matched M6B in the two-dimensional mapping, and had an m/z of 1475.82 which is substantially equal to that of M6B (1475.36).

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The PA sugar chain of fraction 3B matched M7B in the two-dimensional mapping, and had an m/z of 1638.35 which is substantially equal to that of M7B (1637.50).

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The PA sugar chain of fraction 2C matched M7A in the two-dimensional mapping, and had an m/z of 1638.33 which is substantially equal to that of M7A (1637.50).

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The PA sugar chain in peak 1E of fraction 2D matched M8A in the two-dimensional mapping, and had an m/z of 1800.44 which is substantially equal to that of M8A (1475.36).

Further, the PA sugar chains of fractions 1AIII and 2A matched M3FX in the two-dimensional mapping. The PA sugar chain of fraction 5CIII matched M3X in the two-dimensional mapping. When the PA sugar chain of fraction 7C was cut with N-acetylglycosaminidase, the elution position of the fragment was shifted by an amount corresponding to one GlcNAc1 in the SF-HPLC analysis. The fragment matched M3X in the two-dimensional mapping and had an m/z of 1324.83 which is substantially equal to that of GnM3X (1324.24). Therefore, the PA sugar chain of fraction 7C was considered to be Gn¹M3X. (see Figure 13 for the structure of each sugar chain).

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When the PA sugar chains of fractions 5CII2 and 5DII were cut with N-acetylglycosaminidase, the elution positions of the fragments were shifted by an amount corresponding to one GlcNAc1 in the SF-HPLC analysis. The fragments each matched M3X in the two-dimensional mapping and had an m/z of 1324.61 which is substantially equal to that of GnM3X (1324.24). Therefore, the PA sugar chains of fractions 5CII2 and 5DII were considered to be Gn<sub>1</sub>M3X. The elution positions

of these PA sugar chains are different from that of the PA sugar chain of fraction 7C in the RP-HPLC analysis. Therefore, it is estimated that these PA sugar chains are structural variants.

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When the PA sugar chain of fraction 4EI was cut with N-acetylglycosaminidase, the elution position of the fragment was shifted by an amount corresponding to one GlcNAc1 in the SF-HPLC analysis. The fragment matched M3FX in the two-dimensional mapping and had an m/z of 1471.21 which is substantially equal to that of GnM3FX (1470.38). Therefore, the PA sugar chain of fraction 4EI was considered to be Gn<sup>1</sup>M3FX.

When the PA sugar chain of fraction 2BII was cut with N-acetylglycosaminidase, the elution position of the fragment was shifted by an amount corresponding to one GlcNAc1 in the SF-HPLC analysis. The fragment matched M3FX in the two-dimensional mapping and had an m/z of 1471.29 which is substantially equal to that of GnM3FX (1470.38). Therefore, the PA sugar chain of fraction 2BII was considered to be  $Gn_1M3FX$ . The elution position of this PA sugar chain is different from that of the PA sugar chain of fraction 4EI in the RP-HPLC analysis. Therefore, it is estimated that the PA sugar chain of fraction 2BII is a structural variant.

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The PA sugar chain of fraction 3A had an m/z of 1674.56 which is substantially equal to that of Gn2M3FX (1673.57). When the PA sugar chain of fraction 3A was cut with N-acetylglycosaminidase, the elution position of the fragment was shifted by two unit amounts of GlcNAc1 in the SF-HPLC analysis. The fragment matched M3FX in the two-dimensional mapping. Therefore, it was estimated that the PA sugar chain of fraction 3A is Gn2M3FX.

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terms of data such as m/z values two-dimensional mapping results, the other sugar chains did not correspond to any N-linked sugar chains. It was judged that the other sugar chains were not N-linked sugar chains.

As a result of the above-described analyses, the proportions of the N-linked sugar chains are represented by percentages. The high mannose type sugar chain shares 10.8%, the complex-type sugar chain shares 28.1%, and the  $\alpha$ 1,6-fucose-linked sugar chain shares 61.1%.  $\alpha$ 1,6-fucose was linked to 61.1% of the sugar chains in BY2-FT 3 transformed by the  $\alpha$ 1,6-fucosetransferase gene.

As described above, \$\alpha 1,6-fucose was linked to 61.1% of the sugar chains in BY2-FT 3 transformed by the al,6-fucosetransferase gene. However, al,3-fucose or  $\beta$ 1,2-xylose is also linked to the  $\alpha$ 1,6-fucose-linked sugar chain. It has been reported that  $\alpha 1, 3$ -fucose or  $\beta 1, 2$ -xylose has the possibility of exhibiting antigenicity to animals. 20 To cause such a sugar chain to have a structure having no possibility of exhibiting antigenicity to animals, it is  $\alpha$ 1,3-fucosetransferase necessary to inactivate \$1,2-xylose transferase. This is achieved by screening or variant host producing plant having no a  $\alpha$ 1,3-fucosetransferase activity or  $\beta$ 1,2-xylose transferase activity, or suppressing gene expression using an enzyme gene.

The suppression of gene expression is achieved by 30 an antisense method (Wenderoth I, von Schaewn A. "Isolation characterization of N-acetylglucosaminyltransferase I (GnTI) cDNA sequences".

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"Functional analyses in the Arabidopsis cgl mutant and in antisense plants". Plant Physiol. 2000 Jul; (3):1097-1108), production of a site-specific mutant using a chimeric DNA-RNA oligonucleotide (Beetham PR, Kipp PB, Sawycky XI, Arntzen CJ, May GD. "A tool for functional plant genomics: chimeric RNA/DNA oligosaccharides cause in vivo gene-specific mutations". Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 1999 Jul; 96(15):8774-8778), and gene silencing using a plant virus (Covey SN, Al-Kaff NS. "Plant-DNA viruses and gene silencing". Plant Mol Biol 2000 Jun; 43(2-3):307-322). These techniques are known in the art.

(Example 4: Production of a plant regenerated from Transformed Tobacco Cell and Analysis of Glycoprotein produced by the Plant)

#### 1. Production of Sterile Tobacco Plant

A seed of tobacco (Nicotiana tabacum SR1 (obtained from Leaf Tobacco Laboratory of Japan Tobacco Inc., 700 Higashihara, Toyoda-cho, Iwata-gun, Shizuoka) was placed to a centrifuge microtube of 1.5 ml. 70% ethanol was added to the tube. The tube was shaken for three minutes to Thereafter, the ethanol sterilize the tobacco seed. solution was removed. The seed was washed with 1 ml of sterilized water. Following this, 1 ml of an antiformin solution (a 10-fold dilution of a commercially available sodium hyochlorite solution) was added to the tube which was in turn allowed to stand for 15 minutes while being sometimes shaken. Thereafter, the antiformin solution was removed and the tobacco seed was washed with sterilized water three times.

On the other hand, Augpenin (produced by Meiji Seika Kaisha, Ltd.) was diluted in a petri dish to a final

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concentration of 160 mg/l. A sterilized filter paper was immersed in the petri dish. The tobacco seed was germinated on the filter paper. The germinated seed was transferred to MS medium, and cultivated in a bright place. The grown tobacco SR1 strain plant was cut with a knife about 4 cm under the shoot apex. The cutting of the plant was planted on new MS medium for rooting, and further cultivated in a bright place.

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#### 2. Transformation of Tobacco Plant

A tobacco plant was transformed in accordance with a method described in An et al. (An, G., Ebert P.R., Mitra A. and Ha S.B. (1988) Binary vectors. In Plant Molecular Biology Manual, A3, 1-19, Academic Dordrecht).

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In brief, a sterile tobacco leaf was cut off a plant from a pot. The leaf was cut into about 1 cmx1 cm squares (leaf discs) in a petri dish. The leaf discs were transferred to another sterilized petri dish. 5 ml of an Agrobacterium culture medium (Agrobacterium EHA101 having pGPTV-HPT-FT) which had been cultured in a 2xYT medium at 28°C for two days was added to the petri dish and mixed thoroughly, and thereafter allowed to stand for three minutes. The leaf discs were taken out and wiped with a Kim towel to remove the attached excess bacteria liquid. Thereafter, the leaf discs were placed in an MS-NB medium (4.3 g of Murashige-Skoog plant salt mixture, 30 g of sucrose, 10 ml of 5% MES-KOH (pH 5.7), 3 g of gellan gum, 0.1 mg of NAA, 1.0 mg of BAP, 10 mg of thiamin hydrochloride, 1 mg of nicotinic acid, 1 mg of pyridoxin hydrochloride per 1 L of water), and cultivated at 25°C in a bright place.

After two days, the leaf discs were transferred to

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a 50 ml conical tube including sterilized water, and washed by shaking thoroughly. After the water content of the leaf discs was wiped off with a Kim towel, the leaf discs were placed in a sterilized medium, and cultivated at 25°C for one week. Thereafter, the leaf discs were transferred to an MS-NB medium (shoot forming medium) including hygromycin B (a final concentration of 20 mg/L) and carbenicillin (a final concentration of 250 mg/L). Grown-up calluses were sterilely planted in glass pots including a shoot forming medium as needed. After about one month, a shoot having a developed stalk and leaves was cut off a plant, and sterilely planted in an MS-NB medium (root forming medium) including hygromycin B (a final concentration of 20 mg/L) and carbenicillin (a final concentration of 250 mg/L) (note that the medium was the same as the above-described basic MS-NB medium except for BAP and NAA), and cultivated at 25°C in a bright place until the shoot grew roots. The plant grown up in the pot was transferred to a bowl, and continued to be grown, thereby obtaining transformed plants FT(1), FT(2), FT1, FT2, and FT3.

3. Preparation of Chromosomal DNA from Tobacco Plant About 100 mg of a plant specimen obtained from each transformed plant FT(1), FT(2), FT1, FT2, and FT3 was frozen in liquid nitrogen. After these frozen specimens were pulverized, chromosomal DNA was prepared from each specimen using DAeasy Plant Mini Kit (QIAGEN) in accordance with instructions thereof.

Thereafter, each chromosomal DNA was subjected to PCR under the conditions similar to those for the amplification of the genomic DNA of the BY2-FG cell described in Example 1. It was confirmed that the  $\alpha$ 1,6-FT gene was

incorporated into a chromosome of the transformed plant. As a primer, CaMV primer (5'-CGTCTTCAAAGCAAGTGGAT) and FT-Sal (5'-GGATATGTGGGGTACTTGAC) were employed.

The resultant PCR amplified products were subjected to electrophoresis similarly to Example 1. The result is shown in Figure 14. As shown in Figure 14, FT(1), FT(2), FT1, FT2, and FT3 exhibited bands around 1700 bp which is considered to indicate an amplified fragment of α1,6-FT gene region. On the other hand, when genomic DNA prepared from a wild-type SR1 was employed as a template, no band was found around 1700 bp. Therefore, it was confirmed that the α1,6-FT gene is incorporated into a chromosome in transformed plants FT(1), FT(2), FT1, FT2, and FT3.

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4. Analysis of Glycoproteins Produced in  $\alpha 1\text{-}6FT$  Transformed Plant; Lectin staining

Similarly to Example 2, glycoproteins produced by an  $\alpha$ 1,6-FT-introduced transformant were analyzed using pea lectin (PSA) which is strongly linked to a fucose residue  $\alpha$ 1,6 linked to N-acetylglucosamine existing at the reducing terminal of an asparagine-linked type sugar chain (Yamamoto K, Tsuji T, Osawa T., (1982) Carbohydrate Res., 110, 283-289, Debray H., Montreuil J., (1989) Carbohydrate Res., 185, 15-26).

The result is shown in Figure 15. As shown in Figure 15, transformed plants FT(1), FT(2), FT1, FT2, and FT3 exhibited staining indicating that lectin reacted with a glycoprotein sugar chain, as compared to an SR1 plant. Therefore, it was shown that glycoproteins having an  $\alpha1,6$ -fucose residue exist in transformed plants.

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It should be noted that although the SR1plant exhibited a slight level of lectin reaction, such lectin reaction was observed even when cultured tobacco cells were transformed with the  $\alpha$ 1,6-FT gene and positive clones were screened with PSA lectin. The reason is considered to be that the PSA lectin has an affinity for other fucose residues including an  $\alpha$ 1,3-fucose residue existing in a plant complex-type sugar chain.

Hereinafter, the materials and methods used in the above-described Examples will be briefly described.

-Materials and Methods-

1. Plants , strains, plasmids

(1. 1. Plants)

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As a plant transformant, a tobacco BY2 cultured cell (Nicotiana tabacum L. cv. Bright Yellow 2) was used.

(1.2. Strains)

20 Plants used are shown in Table 2.

[Table 2] Strains

Strains	Gene type and characteristic		
Escherichia coli			
JM109	recAl, endAl, gryA96, thi, hsdR 17,		
	supE 44, relA1, Δ(lac-proAB)/F[traD		
	36, proAB <sup>+</sup> , lacIq, lacZΔM15]		
DH5α	supE44, ΔlacU169(Φ80lacZΔM15),		
	hsdR17, recA1, endA1, gyrA96, thi-1,		
	relA1		
Agrobacteriumu			
tumefaciens			
EHA101	Kanamycin <sup>r</sup>		
	Carrying the trans-acting virulence		
	functions necessary to facilitate the		
	transfer of the T-DHA region of binary		
•	vectors to plant		
LBA4404	Rifampicin <sup>r</sup> , Streptomycin <sup>r</sup>		

# (1. 3. Plasmids)

Plasmids used are shown in Table 3.

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[Table 3] Plasimds

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Plasmids	Gene type and characteristic		
pUC19	Amp <sup>r</sup> , lacZ		
pBI221	Amp <sup>r</sup>		
	CaMV 35S promoter, GUS gene, and nopaline		
	synthase terminator cloned into pUC19		
pGPTV-HPT	Km <sup>r</sup> , Hm <sup>r</sup>		
pGPTV-DHFR	Km <sup>r</sup> , Methotrexate <sup>r</sup>		
pGPTV-BAR	Km <sup>r</sup> , Bialaphos <sup>r</sup>		

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#### 2. Media

# (2. 1. Medium for cultivating bacteria)

2xYT medium: Bacto-tryptone 16 g/l, Yeast extract
10 g/l, and NaCl5 g/lwere used. 12 g/lpurified agar powder
was added to a plate medium. ampicillin (Meiji Seika Kaisha,
Ltd.), kanamycin (Meiji Seika Kaisha, Ltd.), hygromycin (Wako
Chemicals), chloram phenicol (Wako Chemicals), rifampicin
(Wako Chemicals), streptomycin (Wako Chemicals) were
optionally added to a final concentration of 50 mg/l, 50 mg/l,
20 mg/l, 25 mg/l, 50 mg/l, and 20 mg/l, respectively.

# (2. 2. Medium for Cultured tobacco cell)

#### [Table 4]

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15	Modified LS	medium	(mg/l)	
	NH <sub>4</sub> NO <sub>3</sub>	1650	CaCl <sub>2</sub> ·2H <sub>2</sub> O	440
	KNO <sub>3</sub>	1900	$MgSO_4 \cdot 7H_2O$	370
	KH <sub>2</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>	370 Na <sub>2</sub> ·1	EDTA 37.3	
	H <sub>3</sub> BO <sub>3</sub>	6.2	FeSO <sub>4</sub> ·7H <sub>2</sub> O	27.8
20	MnSO <sub>4</sub> ·4H <sub>2</sub> O	22.3	thiamin hyd	rochloride 10
	$ZnSO_4 \cdot 7H_2O$	8.6	nicotinic acid	1
	KI	0.83	pyridoxin hydro	chloride 1
	$Na_2MoO_4 \cdot 2H_2O$	0.25	myo-inositol	100
	CuSO <sub>4</sub> ·5H <sub>2</sub> O	0.025	sucrose 300	00
25	CoCl <sub>2</sub> ·2H <sub>2</sub> O	0.025		

adjusted by KOH to pH 5.8

Further, mixed salts from Murashige-Skoog medium (Wako Chemicals) were used to prepare the above composition.

Modified LS agar medium:

The  $KH_2PO_4$  of a modified LS medium was set to 170 mg/l, the pH thereof was adjusted to 5.8 with KOH, and further

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3 g/l gellan gum (Wako Chemicals) was added to the medium. Kanamycin, carbenicillin (Wako Chemicals), hygromycin, methotrexate (Wako Chemicals), and bialaphos (Meiji Seika Kaisha, Ltd.) were optionally added to a final concentration of 150 mg/l, 250 mg/l, 20 mg/l, 0.1 mg/l, and 10 mg/l.

#### 3. Reagents and enzymes

Reagents used were obtained from Wako Chemicals and Nacali Tesque, unless otherwise mentioned. restriction enzymes and modification enzymes were obtained from Toyobo Co., Ltd., Takara Shuzo Co., Ltd., Nippon Gene, Sigma, and NEB and used in accordance with the directions thereof.

# 4. Transformation of E. coli

(4. 1. Preparation of Competent Cell)

A host E. coli was inoculated in 2 ml of 2xYT medium, and cultivated overnight. The culture medium was inoculated in 200 ml of 2xYT medium in a Sakaguchi flask. The flask was shaken at 37°C until the turbidity was 0.6 at 600 nm, followed by centrifugation (5,000 rpm, 10 min, 0°C). The supernatant was removed. The bacteria were suspended in 5 ml of a mixture of 50 mM CaCl<sub>2</sub> and 15% glycerol. Thereafter, the suspension was divided into Eppendorf tubes which were preserved as competent cells at -80°C.

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### (4. 2. Transformation of E. coli)

The competent cells were thawed on ice. Thereafter, 1 to 15  $\mu$ l of a DNA solution was added to the competent cells which were in turn allowed to stand in ice for 30 minutes. Thereafter, the solution was allowed to stand at 42°C for 90 seconds, and thereafter immediately returned to ice. 1 ml of 2×YT medium was added to the solution. The competent cells were cultivated at 37°C for one hour, applied to an agar medium

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including an appropriate antibiotic, and cultivated overnight at 37°C.

#### 5. Transformation of Agrobacterium

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Agrobacterium was transformed using Bevan et al.'s triparental mating method. In brief, Escherichia coli having a pGPTV-type plasmid and Escherichia coli having a helper plasmid pRK2013 were cultivated at 37°C overnight in a medium including an antibiotic, respectively. Agrobacterium EHA101 or LBA4044 was cultivated at 28°C for two nights in a medium including an antibiotic.

1.5 ml of each culture medium was poured into an Eppendorf tube followed by centrifugation to collect bacteria. The collected bacteria were washed with 2×YT medium twice, and thereafter suspended in 1 ml of 2×YT medium. The three strains were mixed and applied to 2×YT medium, and cultivated at 28°C, so that the plasmids underwent conjugate transfer from the E. coli to the Agrobacterium. Two days later some of the colonies appearing on the 2×YT medium were removed using a platinum loop, and applied to 2×YT agar medium including an antibiotic. After cultivation for two days at 28°C, a single colony was selected.

6. Transformation of cultured tobacco cells

(6. 1. Subculure of cultured tobacco cells)

95 ml of a modified LS medium was poured to a 300 ml Mayer flask. Cultivation was conducted in a dark place at a temperature of 25°C to 27°C while stirring at 120 rpm. 2 ml of cultured cells reaching a stationary phase were subcultured every seven days. When a sufficient amount of cells was not obtained in the seventh day, a double amount (4 ml) of cells were subcultured.

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(6. 2. Transformation of cultured tobacco cells) 100  $\mu$ l of an Agrobacterium culture solution (Agrobacterium EHA101, LBA4044 including a pGPTV-type plasmid) which had been cultured in 2xYT medium including an antibiotic at 28°C for two days, was well mixed in a petri dish with 4 ml of a suspension of cultured tobacco cells cultured in the fourth day. Thereafter, the mixture was allowed to stand in a dark place at 25°C. After two days, the suspension in the petri dish was transferred to a centrifuge tube, followed by centrifugation (1,000 rpm, 5 min) to remove the supernatant. A new medium including 250 mg/l carbenicillin was added to the resultant pellet, followed by centrifugation to wash the cells. This wash was repeated three times, so that Agrobacterium was removed. The cultured tobacco cells free from Agrobacterium were applied to a modified LS agar medium including 20 mg/l hygromycin and 250 mg/l carbenicillin, and cultured in a dark place at 25°C. The cells, grown to the callus stage after about two to three weeks, were transferred to new modified LS agar medium to screen growing clones. After a further two to three weeks, the clones, grown to a diameter of one cm, were transferred into 30 ml of modified LS liquid medium including hygromycin and carbenicillin, subcultured.

7. Preparation of small quantity of plasmid DNA A small quantity of plasmid was obtained from E. coli and Agrobacterium by Birnboin and Doly's alkaline extraction procedure. Bacteria were cultivated in 2xYT medium including an antibiotic overnight (two nights for Agrobacterium). The medium was transferred to an Eppendorf tube which was in turn centrifuged (12,000 rpm, 5 min, room

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temperature) to collect the bacteria. The resultant bacteria were suspended in 100 µl of Solution I (in the case of Agrobacterium, 5 mg/ml lysozyme (Sigma) was included), and allowed to stand for 5 minutes at room temperature. Thereafter, 200  $\mu$ l of Solution II was added to the suspension followed by thorough stirring. The resultant mixture was allowed to stand on ice for 5 minutes. Further, 150  $\mu$ l of Solution III was added to the mixture followed by thorough mixing. The resultant mixture was allowed to stand in ice for 5 minutes. After centrifugation (12,000 rpm, 5 min, room temperature), the supernatant was transferred to another tube. The supernatant was subjected to RNAse treatment (37°C, 30 min). After extraction with phenol-chloroform, ethanol precipitation was conducted. The resultant pellet was dissolved an appropriate amount of TE buffer

[Table 5]

TBE buffer: 12.1 g/l Tris

6.18 g/l borate

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Gel-Loading buffer: 0.25% bromophenol blue
0.25% xylene cyanol
40%(w/v) sucrose

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### 8. Electrophoresis of DNA

1.0 to 1.5% (w/v) agarose was prepared from TBE buffer. One part of Gel Loading buffer was added to five parts of specimen. The specimens were loaded into the slots of the gel. The electrophoresis apparatus used was Mupid-2 (Cosmobio). Electrophoresis was conducted in 1xTBE buffer in the presence of a constant voltage of 100 V. After the electrophoresis, the gel was immersed in a 0.5 µg/ml aqueous

ethidium bromide solution for 20 minutes. The stained gel was placed on a trans-illuminator to be observed.

9. Recovery of DNA fragments from the electrophoresis gel

DNA fragments were recovered from the Agarose gel using a Gene clean II kit (Funakoshi). The gel including an intended fragment was transferred to an Eppendorf tube. 1/2 parts of TBE modifier and 4.5 parts of NaI were added to one part of the agarose gel. The mixture was incubated at  $55^{\circ}$ C to dissolve the gel completely.  $5 \mu l$  of matrix was added to the mixture followed by thorough mixing. Thereafter, the mixture was allowed to stand on ice for  $10 \mu l$  minutes. After brief centrifugation, the supernatant was removed, and the pellet was washed three times with  $200 \mu l$  of wash buffer. The pellet was dissolved in  $6 \mu l$  of TE buffer. Thereafter, the solution was subjected to elution at  $55^{\circ}$ C for  $5 to 10 \mu l$  minutes followed by centrifugation. The supernatant included DNA was obtained.

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10. Preparation of chromosomal DNA from tobacco (10.1. Preparation of Chromosomal DNA from cultured tobacco cells)

Chromosomal DNA was prepared from cultured tobacco cells using ISOPLANT (Nippon Gene). 300  $\mu$ l of Solution I was added to about 0.1 g of cultured tobacco cells, and stirred thoroughly. Further, 150  $\mu$ l of Solution II was added and thoroughly stirred with a Vortex. The cells were incubated at 50°C for 15 minutes. 150  $\mu$ lof Solution III was added to the cells, stirred, and allowed to stand for 15 minutes. After centrifugation (12,000 rpm, 15 min, 4°C), the supernatant was subjected to ethanol prepitation two times. The pellet was dissolved in 20  $\mu$ l of TE buffer, and treated

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with 1  $\mu$ l of RNase A (10 mg/ml) for 30 minutes.

(10. 2. Preparation of chromosomal DNA from tobacco callus)

Chromosomal DNA was prepared from a callus using a DNeasy Plant Mini Prep Kit (QIAGEN). After a callus grown to a diameter of about 1 cm was frozen in liquid nitrogen, the callus was pulverized using a triturator and a pestle to be powder. This powder (100 mg) was used as a specimen to prepare DNA in accordance with the directions of the kit.

11. Preparation of all RNAs from tobacco cultured cell callus

All RNAs of a callus were prepared using an RNeasy Mini Prep Kit (QIAGEN). In this case, tritutator, pestle, and sterilized water were treated with 0.05% dimethyl pyrocarbonate, and thereafter autoclaved (120°C, 30 min). After a callus grown to a diameter of about 1 cm was frozen in liquid nitrogen, the callus was pulverized using a triturator and a pestle to powder. This powder (100 mg) was used as a specimen to prepare RNA in accordance with the directions of the kit.

12. PCR

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(12.1. Reaction system)

1  $\mu$ l of chromosomal DNA, 5  $\mu$ l of 10×PCR buffer (attached to Takara Ex Taq produced by Takara Shuzo Co., Ltd.), 4  $\mu$ l of dNTPs (attached to Takara Ex Taq produced by Takara Shuzo Co., Ltd., 2.5 mM), primers (20 pmol each), 0.5  $\mu$ l of Takara Ex Taq (5 U/ $\mu$ l, Takara Shuzo Co., Ltd.), and sterilized water were mixed to a total volume of 50  $\mu$ l.

### (12. 2. Reaction conditions)

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Reaction was conducted under the following conditions. For the thermal cycler, PCR System 9700 (PE Biosystems) was employed.

# 5 [Table 6]

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Stage I: 1 cycle Denaturation (94°C) 5 min

Annealing (60°C) 2 min

Elongation (72°C) 3 min

Stage II: 30 cycles Denaturation (94°C) 1 min

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Elongation (72°C) 2 min

Stage III: 1 cycle Denaturation (94°C) 1 min
Annealing (60°C) 2 min

Elongation (72°C) 3 min

The annealing temperature was changed depending on the Tm of primers used.

#### 13. RT-PCR

# (13. 1. Reverse transcription reaction)

Reverse transcription was conducted using RNA PCR Kit Ver.2.1 (Takara Shuzo Co., Ltd.). 4 μl of MgCl<sub>2</sub> (5 mM), 2 μl of 10×RNA PCR buffer, 8.5 μl of RNAse free H<sub>2</sub>O, 2 μl of dNTPs (1 mM), 0.5 μl of RNAse Inhibitor (1U/μl), 1 μl of Reverse Transcriptase(0.25U/μl), and 1μl of Oligo dT-Adapter Primer (0.125 μM) attached to the kit, and 1 μl of an RNA specimen prepared as described in the above section 11 were mixed and allowed to react in accordance with a program described below. For the thermal cycler, PCR System 9700 (PE Biosystems) was used where the number of cycles was one, and one cycle includes 50°C 30 minutes; 99°C 5 minutes; and 5°C 5 minutes.

#### (13. 2. PCR after reverse transcription reaction)

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6 μl of MgCl<sub>2</sub> (2.5 mM), 8 μl of 10×RNA PCR buffer, 63.5 μl of distillation sterilized water, 0.5 μl of TaKaRa Taq (2.5 U/100 μl), Primer (20 pmol) were mixed and added to the tube in which the reverse transcription of the above section 13. 1 had been conducted. After centrifugation by a micro-centrifugal machine for 10 seconds, the tube was allowed to react under the following conditions, Stage I: 1 cycle; 94°C 2 minutes, and Stage II: 45 cycles; 94°C 30 seconds; 60°C 30 seconds; 72°C 1.5 minutes.

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14. Preparation of crude protein extract solution from cultured tobacco cells

Cultured tobacco cells in the seventh day of subculture were harvested by centrifugation (3,000 rpm, 15 min, 4°C). Thereafter, the obtained cultured tobacco cells were washed with an equal amount of 50 mM sodium phosphate buffer (pH 7.0) by mildly inverting the tube. This process was repeated three times, followed by centrifugation  $(3,000 \text{ rpm}, 15 \text{ min}, 4^{\circ}\text{C}).$ The harvested cells were transferred to a hand homogenizer (20 ml IKEMOTO) and pulverized. Thereafter, the cell pulverized liquid was transferred to a 50 ml centrifuge tube, followed by centrifugation (12,000 rpm, 20 min, 4°C) to obtain a supernatant which was a crude protein extract solution. One Protease inhibitor cocktail tablet (BOEHRINGER MANNHEIM) was optionally added per 50 ml of the extract liquid. Further, when the enrichment of crude proteins was required, ammonium sulphate (Wako Chemicals) was optionally added to 70% saturation, and allowed to stand on ice for 4 to 5 hours, followed by centrifugation (12,000 rpm, 20 min, 4°C). The resultant proteins were suspended in 500 µl of sterilized water which was used in the subsequent analysis.

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#### 15. Quantitation of proteins

Proteins were quantitated using DC Protein Assay Kit (Bio-Rad). This kit is based on a Lowly-Folin method. In accordance with the directions thereof, reaction liquids were mixed and allowed to stand at room temperature for 15 min. Thereafter, absorbance was measured at 750 nm. Calibration curves were prepared in the range of 0.05 to 0.4 mg/ml using calf bovine albumin as a standard. The amounts of proteins were determined with reference to the calibration curves.

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#### 16. Electrophoresis of proteins

(16. 1. Tris-glycine dodecyl sodium sulfate-Polyacrylamide gel Electrophoresis)

Sodium dodecyl sulfate-polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis (SDS-PAGE) was conducted in accordance with Laemmli's method. For the electrophoresis gel, 12.5% polyacrylamide gel was used for separation, and 2.5% polyacrylamide gel (acrylamide: bisacrylamide = 30:0.8) was used for enrichment. For the electrophoresis buffer, a Tris-glycine buffer was used. 12  $\mu$ l of a specimen was heated in a specimen buffer at 100°C for 3 min to be denatured. The electrophoresis was conducted at a constant voltage of 100 V.

#### (16. 2. Molecular weight markers)

#### 25 [Table 7]

For the molecular weight marker, used was
Protein molecular weight marker "First" (Daiichi Kagaku
Yakuhin)

	Phosphorylase	97,400
30	Calf bovine albumin	66,270
	Aldolase	42,200
	Carbonic anhydrase	30,000
	Soy bean trypsin inhibitor	20,100

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Lysozyme 14,000
or, Prestained SDS-PAGE Standards (Bio-Rad)
PhosphorylaseB 106,000
Calf bovine albumin 80,000
Ovalbumin 49,500
Carbonic anhydrase 32,500
Soy bean trypsin inhibitor 27,500
Lysozyme 18,500.

# (16. 3. Staining of proteins)

Coomassie-blue staining and silver staining were conducted. For coomassie-blue staining, gel was immersed for 30 minutes in a staining liquid (0.1% coomassie-brilliant-blue R-250, methanol: acetate: water = 5:5:2 (v/v) mixture), and thereafter immersed in a bleaching liquid (methanol: acetate: water = 2:1:7 (v/v) mixture) and shaken overnight. Silver staining was conducted using a silver staining kit (Wako Chemicals) in accordance with a method described in the directions thereof.

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# 17. Lectin staining

After SDS-PAGE, the gel was equilibrated in a blotting buffer for 15 minutes. Thereafter, proteins in the gel were blotted on a PVDF membrane (Bio-Rad, Immuno-Blot PVDF Membrane for Protein Blotting, 0.2 mm) at a constant current of 1 mA/cm² for 60 to 70 minutes using a semi-dry type blotting apparatus (semi-dry transfer apparatus BE-310 Biocraft). After blotting, the PVDF membrane was immersed in a 0.6%  $H_2O_2$ /methanol (v/v) solution, and the endogenous peroxidase of cultured tobacco cells was blocked. After the blocking, the PVDF membrane was washed with a wash buffer (10 min, three times). Thereafter, the membrane was immersed in a wash buffer including 5% Skim Milk, and allowed to mildly

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react at room temperature for two hours. Similarly, the PVDF membrane was similarly washed with a wash buffer. Thereafter, the PVDF membrane was immersed in a 1,000-fold dilution of peroxidase-labeled PSA lectin (1 mg/ml, EY LABORATORIES, INC.) with the washing buffer, and allowed to react at room temperature for 90 minutes. After the reaction, the membrane was washed in a manner similar to that described above. Thereafter, color development was conducted using a POD immunostain set (Wako Chemicals). The above wash buffer's composition was 10mMTris-HCl (pH 7.4), 0.15 MNaCl, 0.05% Tween 20.

 $\begin{tabular}{lll} 18. & Measurement & of & $\alpha 1,6$-fucosyl & transferase \\ & activity & \end{tabular}$ 

(18. 1. Preparation of crude enzyme solution)

Transformed cultured tobacco cells in the seventh day of cultivation were harvested by centrifugation (3,000 rpm, 20 min, 4°C). Thereafter, the cells were washed with an extraction buffer similarly to above section 14, and harvested. Thereafter, the cells were pulverized using ahandy homogenizer, followed by centrifugation (12,000 rpm, 20 min, 4°C). The supernatant was used as a crude enzyme solution. The above extraction buffer's composition: 20mM Tris-HCl (pH 7.5), 0.175% CHAPS.

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(18. 2. Enzyme reaction of  $\alpha$ 1,6-fucosyl transferase)

 $\alpha$ 1,6-activity was always measured in a dark place. A substrate liquid (15  $\mu$ 1) for determining the activity of  $\alpha$ 1,6-fucosyl transferase, which was provided by Toyobo Co., Ltd., was employed. 5  $\mu$ 1 of a crude enzyme solution prepared in above section 19.1 was added to a tube including the substrate liquid, and allowed to react at 37°C for three hours.

The enzyme reaction was arrested by boiling for one minute. Immediately after that, the tube was transferred onto ice and allowed to stand for one minute. Further, the ice water was spun off the tube. 80 μl of distilled water was added to the tube followed by centrifugation (12,000 rpm, 1 min, 4°C). 30 µl of the resultant supernatant was subjected to The substrate liquid for measuring the HPLC analysis. activity of al,6-fucosyl transferase includes per 15 µl, 8 μl of 0.5 M MES/NaOH buffer (pH 7.5), 1 nmole/μl Gn, 1 μl of Gn-bi-Asn-NBD, 2 µl of 5 nmole/ml GDP-Fucose (Wako Chemicals), and 4 µl of MilliQ water. The HPLC system (produced by HITACHI) used includes an interface (L-7000), a fluorescence detector (LaChrom L-7480), a pump (LaChrom L-7100), and a column oven (LaChrom L-7300).

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# (18. 3. Presence or absence of enzyme activity)

The presence or absence of enzyme activity was determined by HPLC analysis. As a column, reverse-phase Mightysil RP-18 GP150-4.6 (5 $\mu$ m) (Kanto Kagaku 4.6×150 mm) was employed. A substrate sugar chain used for measurement of  $\alpha$ 1,6-FT activity was fluorescent labeled so that the substrate sugar chain could be specifically detected by a fluorescence detector (Ex; 470 nm, Em; 530 nm). Further, an  $\alpha$ 1,6-fucosylated sugar chain standard was prepared as follows. 5  $\mu$ l of  $\alpha$ 1,6-fucosyl transferase (40 mU/ml, Toyobo Co., Ltd.) was added to a substrate mixture for measuring the activity of  $\alpha$ 1,6-fucosyl transferase, and allowed to react at 37°C for 15 minutes in accordance with above section 1. 18.

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# (18. 4. Measurement of activity)

An area ratio of a peak of a substrate to a peak of a reaction product obtained by HPLC analysis conducted under

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conditions below is evaluated. Activity was evaluated as the amount of transferred fucose per 1 mg of crude enzyme solution proteins per minute. The total amount of proteins in a crude enzyme solution was quantitated in such a manner as described in above section 15.

# [Table 8]

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Buffer A: 20 mM acetate-ammonia pH 4.0

Buffer B: 20 mM acetate-ammonia pH 4.0 - 80%

10 acetonitrile

Buffer ratio: B=5%

Mode: Isocratic

Flow rate: 1 ml/min

Column temperature: 55°C

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Em: 530 nm

#### INDUSTRIAL APPLICABILITY

The present invention provides a plant cell having an animal-type sugar chain adding function, a plant regenerated from the plant cell, a method for producing the plant cell, a method for producing an animal type glycoprotein using the plant cell. The glycoprotein produced by the plant cell of the present invention has an animal type sugar chain, so that the glycoprotein is not antigenic to animals, particularly humans. Therefore, the glycoprotein of the present invention is suited for administration to animals including humans.

#### CLAIMS

- 1. A plant cell having an animal-type sugar chain adding function, wherein the plant cell has an introduced gene encoding an enzyme derived from an animal, and the enzyme can transfer a fucose residue to a reducing terminal acetylglucosamine residue of a sugar chain of a glycoprotein.
- A plant cell according to claim 1, wherein the enzyme
   derived from an animal is α1,6-fucosyl transferase.

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- 3. A plant regenerated from a plant cell according to claim 1 or 2.
- 4. A method for producing a plant cell having an animal-type sugar chain adding function, comprising the step of introducing into the plant cell a gene encoding an enzyme derived from an animal, wherein the enzyme can transfer a fucose residue to a reducing terminal acetylglucosamine residue of a sugar chain of a glycoprotein.
  - 5. A method for producing a glycoprotein having an animal-type sugar chain, comprising the steps of:

transforming a plant cell by introducing into the plant cell a gene encoding an enzyme derived from an animal and a gene encoding an exogenous glycoprotein, wherein the enzyme can transfer a fucose residue to a reducing terminal acetylglucosamine residue of a glycoprotein, and

cultivating the resultant transformed plant cell.

6. A method for producing a glycoprotein having an animal-type sugar chain, comprising the steps of:

transforming a plant cell by introducing into the

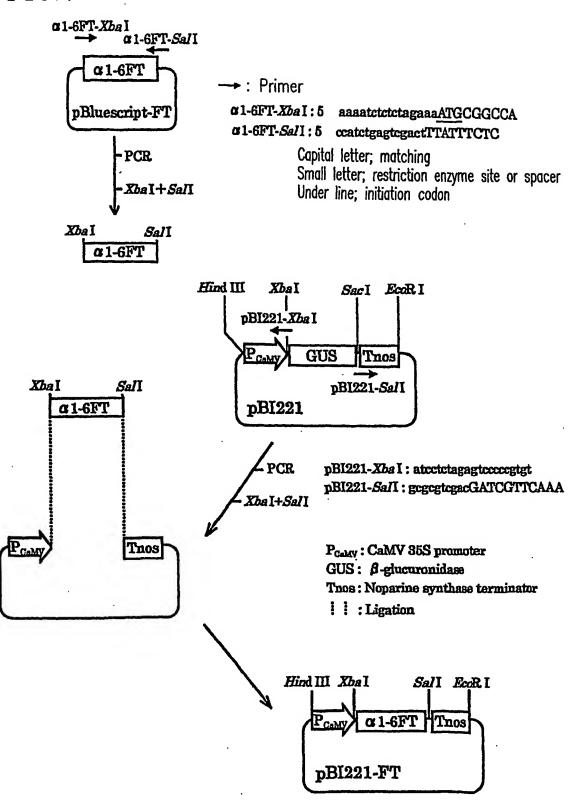
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plant cell a gene encoding an enzyme capable of transferring a fucose residue to a reducing terminal acetylglucosamine residue and a gene encoding an exogenous glycoprotein, and expressing the enzyme in a cell organelle.

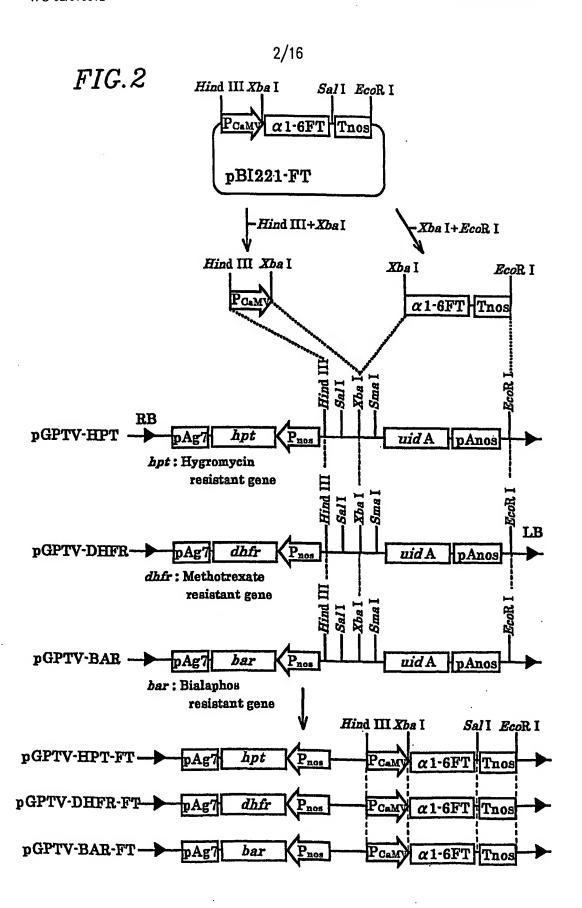
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7. A glycoprotein having an animal-type sugar chain produced by a method according to claim 6.

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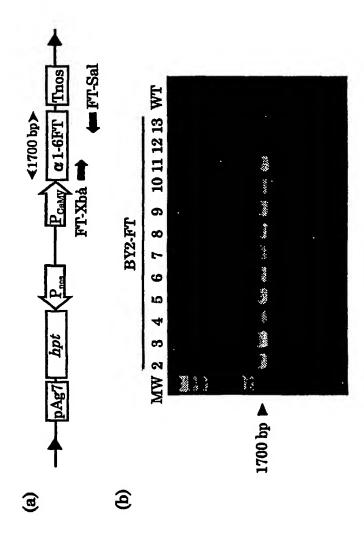


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FIG.3



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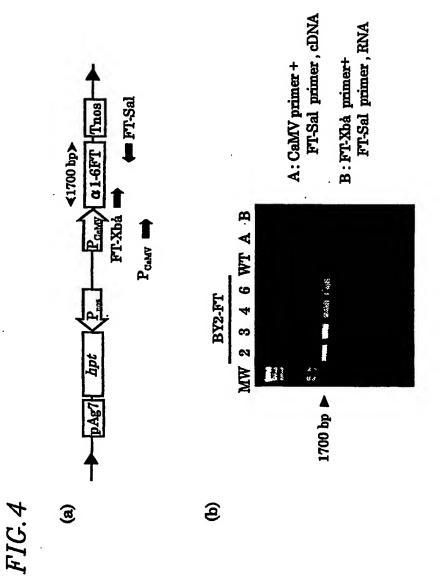
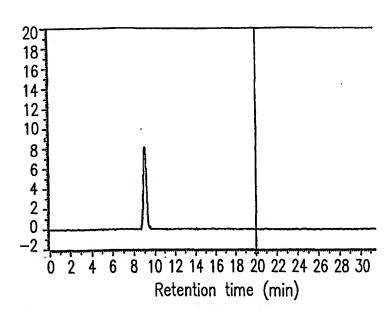
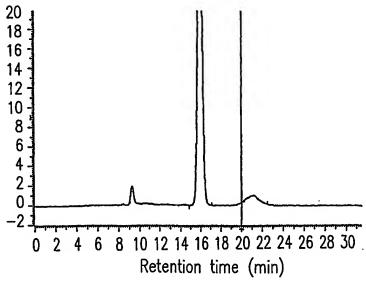


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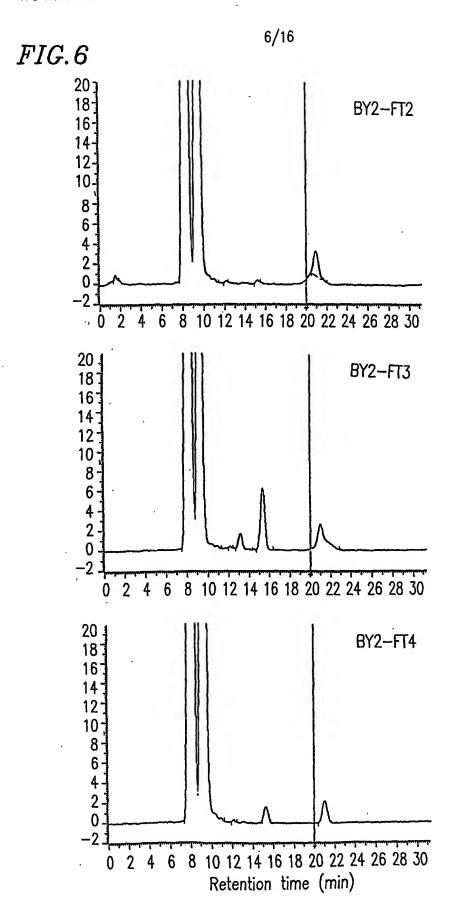
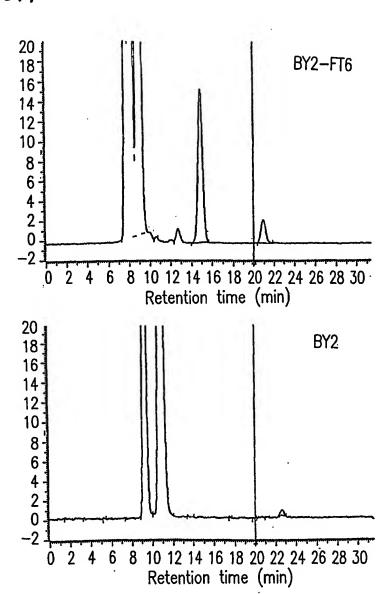
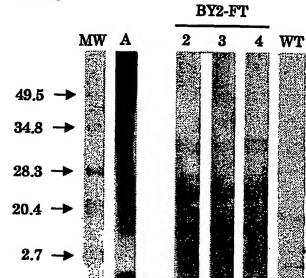


FIG. 7



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A: Thyroglobulin WT: Wild type BY2 9/16

# FIG.9

▶ Plant type

Man 
$$\alpha 1$$

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Han  $\alpha 1$ 

$$\begin{array}{c} 6 \\ 3 \\ 2 \\ \text{Yyl} \beta 1 \end{array}$$
Fuc  $\alpha 1$ 

▶ Animal type

Man 
$$\alpha 1 > 6$$
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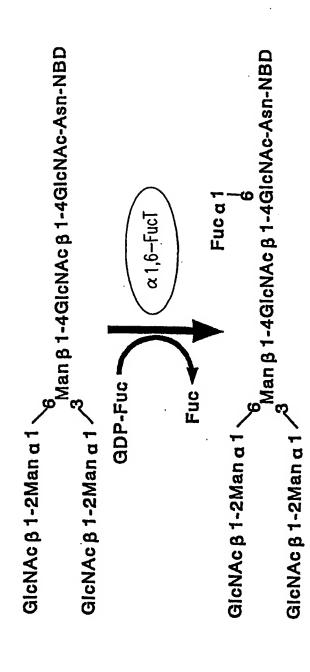
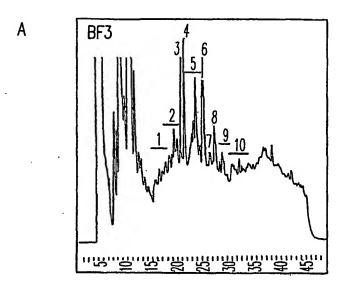
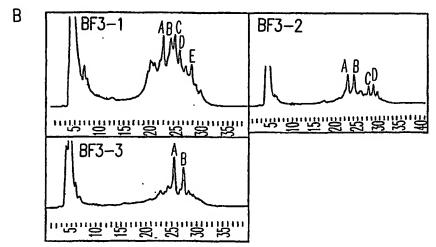


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## FIG. 11

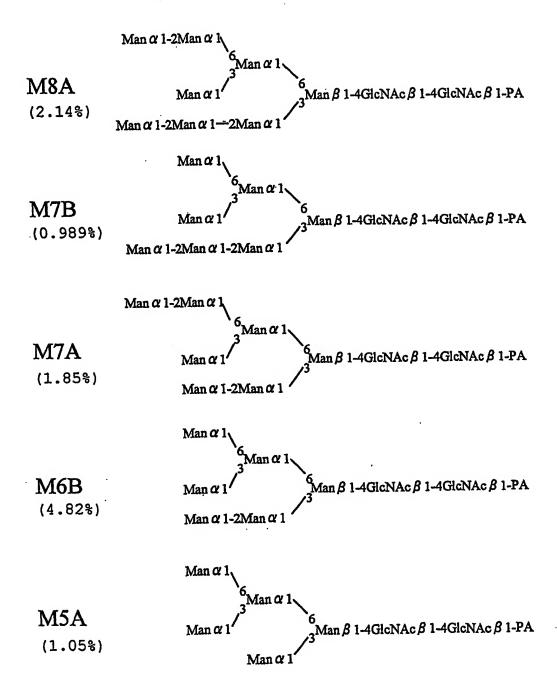




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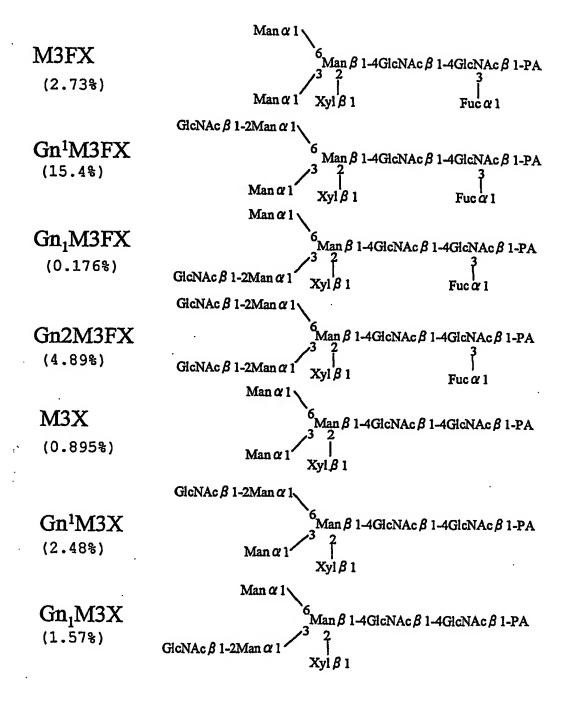
High monnose type sugar chain



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## FIG. 13

## Complex—type sugar chain



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## FIG. 14

Complex—type sugar chain having  $\alpha$ 1,6—fucose linkage

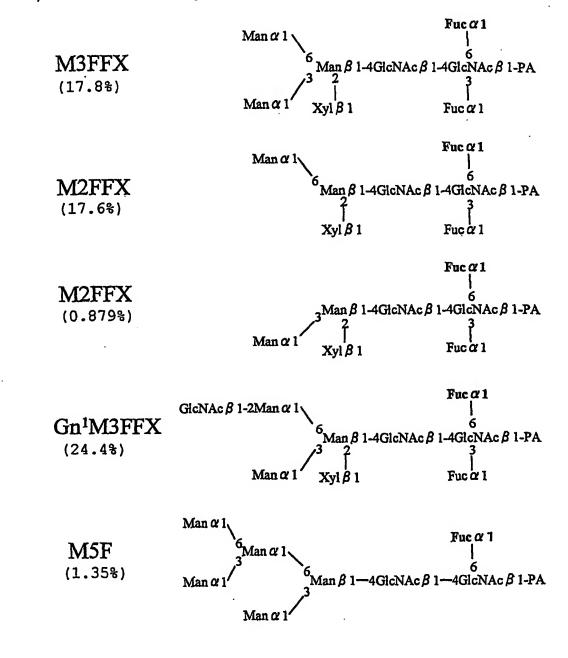


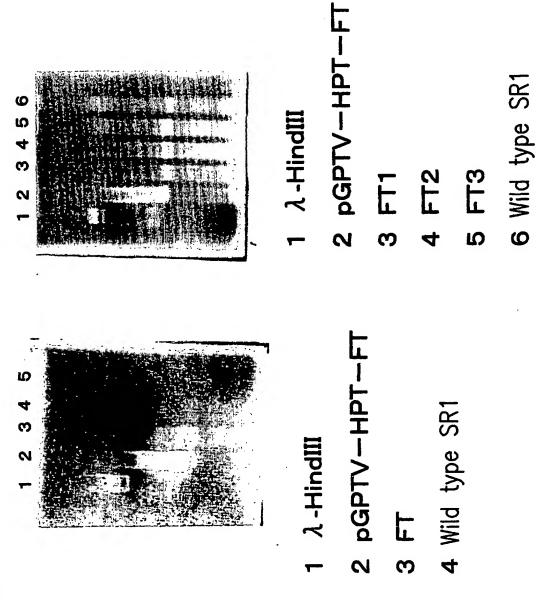
FIG. 15



. Thyroglobulin
. Molecular weight marker
. FT(1)
. FT(2)
. FT2
. FT3
. Wild type SR1

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